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WEEKEND TIMES

Time to spare on Saturday or Sunday? Tomorrow's Weekend Times offers a guide to the best of next week's events in and out of town, with and without the children. What's new in the theatre, cinema, shops, auction houses, the property market and the garden. Weekend Times will inspire you to get up and go to it.

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JAPAN'S JC
A passionate story about the struggle between two young men is how they see it in Tokyo. Will the Kabuki version of Jesus Christ Superstar succeed in Britain? Weekend Times finds out.

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DOWNHILL FAST
Ski fans should be planning now for next February's winter Olympics in France. The Saturday Review offers a concise guide to the resorts.

COOK'S GOOSE
Beryl Cook wants to die in the middle of a pub with a paintbrush in one hand and a drink in the other. The Saturday Review brushes up on one of Britain's best-loved artists.

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OLD SHOULDERS
We are a grandmother, said Mrs Thatcher. We may be finding it a little tricky. Neil Drummond suggests, if other grandparents can be believed Page 13.

COLD SHOULDERS
Meanwhile the Tories plotting their election strategy have decided to forget who "we" was. Thatcherism without a face Page 16.

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The Institute of Chartered Accountants PE 2 July 1991 results will be published tomorrow. Copies will be on sale this evening at Charing Cross, King's Cross, Marble Arch, Leicester Square, and Victoria.



Face to face: Norma Major, wife of the prime minister, examining a painting by Mark Davy, organiser of an exhibition in Tobacco Dock, east London. Titled Seven City Artists, the exhibition supports the Association for Prevention of Addiction and the Docklands Drug Initiative.

Labour tells Leigh-Pemberton to keep out of politics

Bank defends governor against U-turn charge

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Bank of England broke with tradition yesterday to defend its governor against claims that he had helped the Conservatives with a speech hailing the end of the recession.

After senior Labour figures had warned Robin Leigh-Pemberton to keep out of party politics, the bank reiterated his assessment and rejected claims that it was flying in the face of a far more pessimistic analysis last month.

The speed with which the statement was issued reflected the bank's deep concern at any suggestion that it had become involved in the political dog-

fight, particularly as the phoney election was reached a new intensity. Chris Patten, the Conservative chairman, again tried to calm speculation, but all parties continued to behave as though a campaign were already under way.

In August, the bank had said the economy was "bumping along the bottom", but on Wednesday, Mr Leigh-Pemberton told businessmen in Birmingham: "The picture is undeniably improving. I am confident that we are now coming out of recession."

Yesterday, the bank defended its apparent change of stance saying the August bulletin described the economic position "as we saw it more than a

month ago. It identified a number of positive signs, and in last night's speech the governor looked at the prospect (of recovery) on the basis of more recent indicators." Those indicators provided grounds for greater confidence that the economy was moving out of recession.

Mr Leigh-Pemberton's remarks prompted Margaret Beckett, the shadow chief secretary to the Treasury, to say: "He is obviously doing his bit for the Conservative government that appointed him." And John Smith, the shadow chancellor, warned him to be careful "because he may regret the fact if he gets pulled into the party political

Patten opposes early poll as Labour steps up attacks

By PHILIP WEBSTER AND NICHOLAS WOOD

THE government yesterday maintained its public efforts to control election speculation. Chris Patten, the Tory party chairman, said that a poll was still some way off.

The cabinet, meeting for the first time since July, did not even discuss the election, senior government sources said, although it was conceded later that John Major had taken the temperature among his cabinet colleagues about election timing.

In the frenzy of claim and counter-claim, Labour seized on remarks by the prime minister to allege that the Tories were secretly planning to means-test state pensions. With the Opposition on full alert for a November poll, it

also widened its attack, challenging the Tories to publish detailed accounts and pitching for the women's vote by promising tighter laws against sex discrimination.

Privately, ministers admit that November is now a far more likely option than it was only ten days ago. The constant efforts by Mr Patten and his colleagues to deflate expectations of an early poll are clearly designed to prevent a decision against November looking like a retreat. Even so, ministers admit that the speculation is essential to creating the conditions in which a November poll might be possible.

Mr Patten's remarks, paradoxically, came at an election-

style early morning press conference at Conservative headquarters, which saw the launching of a glossy campaigning magazine containing a long article from the prime minister setting out his detailed political vision.

The Tory chairman said it had always been planned to launch it in the pre-conference period. It combined with a rash of press conferences and releases issued by the Labour party, however, to fuel the electrifying atmosphere.

Jack Cunningham, Labour's campaign chief, claimed that

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True Essex Man triumphs over his alter ego

MUCH maligned Essex Man bit back at his detractors yesterday as his team of local heroes lifted the county championship with an awesome victory display in keeping with the finest traditions of English cricket.

It used to be said that the best thing to come out of Chelmsford was the A12 and it has still hardly recovered from its reputation as the worst posting for a Roman centurion, lampooned in the television sit-com *Chelmsford 123*. But the slander was redressed by Graham Gooch's men as they beat last season's champions, Middlesex, by an innings and a million runs.

Neil Foster, the last bowling

The Ford Capri jokes raised even fewer smiles than usual at Chelmsford yesterday. Michael Horsnell and his county were too busy savouring the last laugh.

demon from neighbouring Colchester whose battle-scarred knees helped him to yet another hatful of wickets, led the team off after all 11 had vigorously shaken hands in the square, just like proper Englishmen used to do in their moment of triumph.

Gooch, the England captain from Leytonstone whose 259 was the highest individual score of the season, followed him off applauding his players all the way to a balcony groaning under the weight of a



Gooch: "I'm feeling a bit emotional!"

succumbed to demands for a speech in which he bemoaned the frustration of finishing second for the past two years and confessed: "I am feeling a bit emotional. It doesn't normally happen to me."

With the championship

pendant surrendered by Middlesex flying proudly from the Chelmsford flagpole, Essex will next week take on Victoria, the Australian champions, as summer bids farewell to a splendid season.

Chelmsford is meanwhile hoping another honour will come its way: to mark the 40th anniversary of the Queen's accession, the town has been invited to apply for city status.

That, according to a county council official, would be the icing on the cake or, possibly, the cake itself. "It's about time someone bit back after all the carping over so-called Essex Man," he said.

Hurd halts EC troops plan for Yugoslavia

By DESSA TREVISAN AND GEORGE BROCK

DOUGLAS Hurd, the foreign secretary, halted a European Community proposal yesterday to send a peacekeeping force to Yugoslavia, as Croatia and Serbia rejected EC efforts to secure peace and up to 400 tanks, heavy artillery and infantry reportedly rolled towards Croatia from Belgrade.

EC foreign ministers, meeting in The Hague, decided only to invite the Western European Union (WEU) to study whether troops could support existing, beleaguered, EC peace monitors.

There was hand-to-hand fighting in Gospić, a town which has been a battleground for the past two weeks between Croats, the Yugoslav army and Serb guerrillas. In Sibenik, the federal army was said to be attacking targets along the coast while further north in Vukovar and Vinkovci, fighting was resumed and Croatian forces still held the army barracks under siege.

France and Germany had argued for sending troops under every available international authority, including the United Nations, but Mr Hurd, who later declared himself "more than satisfied" with the decision, warned about the dangers of ill-considered military adventures. He reminded the meeting that Britain had experience of sending soldiers to Northern Ireland, where peacekeeping had to be done village by village, street by street — as it would have to be done in Yugoslavia.



A spokesman for the Dutch government, which suggested sending troops, said that conditions for a successful military intervention had not been met. No government has suggested that outside powers could send a force without the permission of the Yugoslav parties and Serbia yesterday underlined that it is opposed to the presence of foreign troops. Yugoslav ministers agreed only that the conference was irrelevant. Lord Carrington, who steered the peace conference to the latest ceasefire signed on Tuesday, said that if it were still being ignored next week, he would consider abandoning the mediation.

In Bonn, Helmut Kohl, the chancellor, had given his support to a French proposal for a UN mandate while, in Brussels, the United States called a meeting of the 16 Nato nations representatives to discuss the implications for the alliance of an EC peacekeeping force.

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Iraq has 'concealed' nuclear reactor

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

IRAQ may have another nuclear reactor which has been concealed from United Nations inspection teams. This latest suspicion of Iraqi subterfuge has arisen from an unexpected revelation from an unnamed country that it exported several hundred kilograms of heavy water to Iraq in 1980.

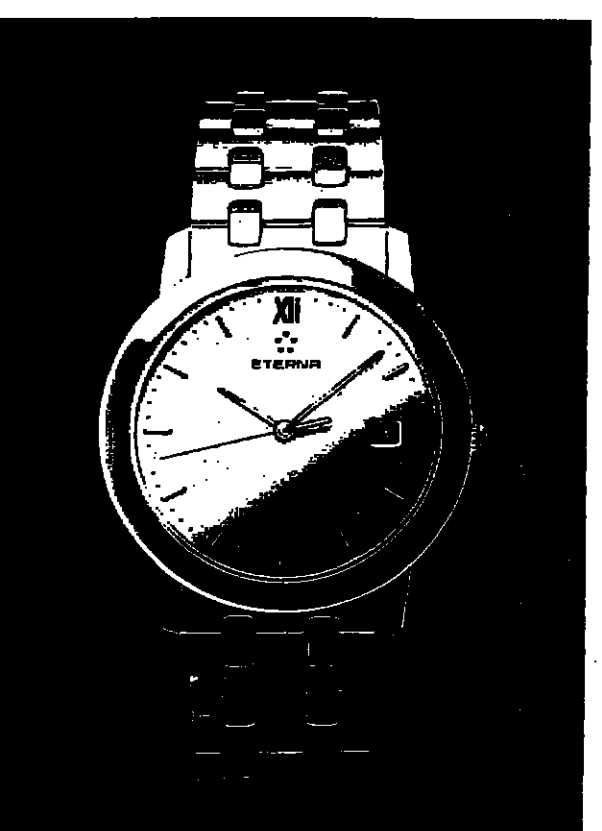
The heavy water, which contains deuterium instead of ordinary hydrogen and can be used as a moderator in a nuclear reactor, has not been accounted for, according to an official at the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna. The country which

contacted the UN commission responsible for finding Iraq's weapons of mass destruction, passed on the information on the understanding that its identity remained secret.

The agency official said: "Iraq may have acquired a lot more heavy water in the past from other sources. The amount we know of is fairly minimal, but we have to check it out. It could lead us to look for another reactor."

Countries involved in producing heavy water at that

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The banker who refuses to be governed by the Tory party



Leigh-Pemberton: a Tory but not a Thatcherite

THE governor of the Bank of England, Robin Leigh-Pemberton, is the complete man of Kent. He owns 2,500 acres of it, for a start, and is the lord lieutenant. He has been involved with its cathedral, its university and its cricket team, and, before taking up banking full time, he did his duty in local politics as vice-chairman of the Kent county council. There are no prizes for guessing in whose interest he was elected. He was a Conservative.

Stephen Fay assesses the man caught in the political crossfire after his upbeat message on the economy and his caution over interest rates

that appointed him". The suggestion is that, with an election due, Mr Leigh-Pemberton has shrugged off his camouflage and is revealing his spots. There is, of course, some substance to the charge that the governor is a Conservative, but it is not quite what Mrs Beckett thinks it is. The truth is that he cannot help himself.

Governors of the Bank of England are hard to feel sorry for, but it is difficult to resist a stab of sympathy for Mr Leigh-Pemberton. He had already been accused of a number of misdemeanours lately, such as undermining Britain's vital interest in the Gulf by acting against BCCI,

Mr Leigh-Pemberton is right about the economy (and his assumption still sounds bold), the interesting feature about Labour's pained reaction is what it tells us about politicians and their central bankers. Because the Bank of England is a nationalised institution, politicians tend to assume that the proper place for the governor is in their pockets. Because the governor believes that he has wider responsibilities, he has a permanent itch to tell people what is good for them. And what the governor feels is good for the country is a stable currency. After all, he sees himself as the custodian of it.

These contrasting views of the job are a constant source of tension between Threadneedle Street and Whitehall. Montagu Norman, the governor for the whole of the period between the

two world wars, managed to irritate Conservative and Labour governments equally. None of Mr Leigh-Pemberton's immediate predecessors has shown a marked inclination to do the government of their day any favours. Lord Cromer was openly critical of the monetary policies of Harold Wilson's administration.

When Mr Leigh-Pemberton's appointment was announced it was assumed that he was put into the job to do what he was told, and for a while his behaviour did not contradict that view. Nigel Lawson, when he was Chancellor, treated the governor with contempt. However, by 1988 Mr Leigh-Pemberton had thrown away the script, and had begun to display a form of independence that Margaret Thatcher found especially irritating. He spoke and worked in favour of European

monetary union, part of whose attraction was that in Europe the Bank of England would have more freedom from Whitehall. The governor might be a Conservative, but he was no Thatcherite. As for John Major, there were people in the bank who recalled his period as Chancellor with mild distaste: they thought he was more concerned with the views of the backbenchers than the bankers.

Over Mr Leigh-Pemberton's eight-year term, there is precious little evidence that the Bank of England has behaved like an arm of the Tory party, or that the governor has been a propagandist for it. But that does not mean that the governor is not a Conservative. Of course he is. All governors are.

Commuter rail line expansion axed in £30m cost cuts

By MICHAEL DYNES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

NETWORK SouthEast is planning to slash £30 million from its current budget, in addition to cuts totalling £84 million announced in July, because of a continuing decline in income from fares and property sales.

The cuts, which will result in further reductions in passenger services and investment projects, effectively mark the end of Network SouthEast's expansion plans, and a return to the damaging stop-go rail investment cycles that have affected the railways since the 1960s.

Chris Green, the network's managing director, said yesterday: "The problems facing next year's budget are even worse. We are having to examine the doomsday scenario of abandoning all long-term schemes and investing only in safety requirements and existing contracts." With-

out additional financial resources, all proposed passenger information projects, station refurbishments and new maintenance depots will have to be put on hold. Mr Green said that "once existing orders for new trains have been completed, we face the prospect of no new trains for the London region within 15 months".

During the late 1980s, Network SouthEast had drawn up plans to modernise the entire network, including new trains, and signalling. "Then our task was to fight for the resources needed to fund the modernisation programme. Now 100 per cent of management efforts are focused on clawing back resources and cutting costs," he said.

A study conducted in 1990 by Coopers & Lybrand, the management and accounting firm, concluded that Network SouthEast required an investment of £500 million a year until the end of the decade to meet the London region's transport needs. The recession has forced the sector to reduce expenditure by more than £100 million and withdraw 100 trains from existing timetables in two months. Further cuts are expected.

The government's preoccupation with short-term financial targets ignored the long-term consequences, he said. In June, for example, Malcolm Rifkind, the transport secretary, authorised a £90 million scheme for 188 new coaches for the heavily congested commuter routes on Kent Link lines between London, Sevenoaks and Gillingham. "We have approval to go ahead with the scheme but no money to order the trains," Mr Green said.

Many other rail expansion projects face a similar predicament. The Heathrow Express has been frozen because of lack of funds. Unless a bill for the Thameslink 2000 project is put before parliament by November, service improvements between Brighton, Bedford, Sevenoaks, and Guildford will be delayed until 1996.



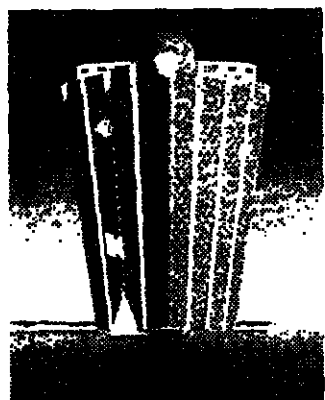
IRA killers strike: the wife of a businessman shot dead by the IRA in Belfast yesterday arriving at the scene of the killing. John Haldane, aged 54, from Caltra, Co Down, a Protestant, was murdered because the Provisionals said his company supplied materials for use in construction of security force bases

on the border (Edward Gorman writes). He was shot at about 10am as he dictated a letter to his secretary in his offices in Dunce Street in the city's docks area. Two gunmen, neither of them masked, burst in and shot him at close range. He was hit twice in the chest and once in the head. His secretary was

unhurt. Mr Haldane, a father of four, was chairman of Haldane Shells, one of Northern Ireland's largest building supplies groups, and managing director of its subsidiary, McCue Dick, a timber importers. In a statement, his son Ian said the companies would no longer take up security force contracts to ensure

the safety of employees. He said his father created employment for people of all religions and there could be no justification for his murder. The shooting is the latest in an intermittent campaign by the IRA against mainly construction companies it alleges supply the security forces.

A JOURNEY THROUGH TIME BY LOUIS VUITTON.



To celebrate the opening of the Louis Vuitton shop in Harrods an exhibition entitled 'A Journey Through Time' will be held until October 12th. The exhibition depicts travel around the World, whilst telling the Louis Vuitton story from the opening of his shop in 1854. Amongst the exceptional items displayed there's the bed trunk of explorer Savorgnan de Brazza designed in 1879 and the desk trunk used by Leopold Stokowski on his 1930's concert tours. You can also see the limited edition Louis Vuitton line of hand luggage that has been launched to celebrate the 1992 America's Cup. You'll discover the full range of Louis Vuitton luggage from holdalls to elaborate wardrobe trunk. So make a journey to the new Louis Vuitton shop at Harrods. It's packed with the world's finest luggage.

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NHS waiting lists

Cook disputes claims of success

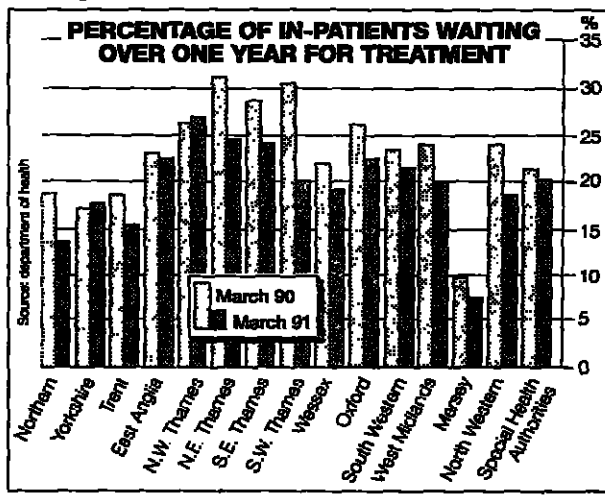
By JILL SHERMAN, SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

BIG reductions in the number of patients waiting over 12 months for NHS treatment and a modest drop to 948,200 in the total numbers on waiting lists were announced yesterday by William Waldegrave, the health secretary.

Robin Cook, the opposition health spokesman, immediately accused him of massaging the data and claimed that the more recent June returns showed a rise in waiting lists in the first three months of the NHS reforms.

Mr Waldegrave conceded that the improvements were attributable largely to the removal of 168,900 "ghost" patients from the list through reasons other than treatment. Those patients had either had their operations privately, had died, or no longer wanted or needed them.

The figures show that in the six months to March 1991, in-patient admissions fell by 2 per cent, although day case treatment rose by 7 per cent. About 8,700 more patients overall were treated than in the previous six months. In the year to March 1991, the number of people waiting more than a year for operations had been cut by 18 per cent to 169,800. In addition,



showed that about 20,000 patients had been added to waiting lists since the reforms were implemented. Some regions even reported rises in the number of people waiting over 12 months, he said.

As the dispute continued, the health department released what it said were the most up-to-date figures, showing that by July the total number on the waiting list was 996,000, compared with Mr Cook's June figure of 923,000.

The College of Health, which runs its own waiting list helpline, said it was also concerned about the official statistics. Some patients were having to wait longer for their first out-patient appointments, not included in the official statistics. Others were being told no new out-patient appointments could be given until April 1992.

The college added: "Some patients are being told that their surgery is so non-urgent that they are being removed from the waiting lists altogether."

The patients' charter, to be unveiled in the next few weeks, will give all patients who have been waiting over two years a guarantee to be treated within three months. Mr Waldegrave announced that the scheme would be extended as soon as feasible to those waiting one year.

NHS WAITING LISTS (September 30, 1990/March 31, 1991)		
	All cases less self deferred Sept 1990	March 1991
In-patients		
Northern	37,700	36,900
Yorkshire	51,000	52,700
Trant	61,500	60,700
East Anglia	35,400	34,500
North West Thames	44,800	49,100
North East Thames	65,800	60,200
South East Thames	62,000	60,800
South West Thames	39,800	38,000
Wessex	42,800	44,400
Oxford	34,600	36,500
South Western	51,800	52,000
West Midlands	72,100	69,800
Mersey	29,500	29,700
North Western	67,900	61,200
Special Health Authorities	9,000	8,800
England	705,700	692,900
Day admissions		
Northern	13,000	14,200
Yorkshire	16,100	16,100
Trant	13,700	14,900
East Anglia	8,900	9,500
North West Thames	9,700	11,700
North East Thames	16,200	15,400
South East Thames	14,400	15,500
South West Thames	11,900	10,500
Wessex	10,800	12,000
Oxford	9,200	9,400
South Western	18,200	18,000
West Midlands	22,500	22,900
Mersey	14,800	14,300
North Western	21,200	20,400
Special Health Authorities	1,500	1,500
England	200,700	207,200
Total	906,400	900,100
Total including self deferred cases	957,600	948,200

Source: department of health

Major sets out vision of Britain

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE prime minister yesterday promised an unrelenting crusade against inflation as he set out his vision of a Britain in which personal fulfilment and individual liberty would be the guiding principles.

John Major, in what amounted to the fullest statement yet of his personal manifesto, outlined what he called the values of the modern Conservative party; that only in a successful Britain could everyone be provided with a chance to better themselves and their families; that only a self-confident Britain could play its rightful role in the world; and that only in a prosperous, well-governed Britain could people strengthen the ties of their communities.

He said in an article in a new Conservative campaigning magazine, *Transforming Britain*: "Only by setting our standards high can we deliver the efficient industries and good quality services in which we can all take pride. Only in a secure Britain can we break down barriers and give people a real sense of fair play." He vowed that the Tories would "complete the transformation of Britain, under a government competent, decent and strong".

Mr Major wrote of making the most of membership of the European Community, but said the next generation would not believe it necessary "to dilute our sense of national identity in order to play a full-hearted role in Europe."

Greater political and economic co-operation in the community does not require us to forget our nationhood, and the traditions and institutions of a free people."

He said that economic success, although vital, was not "the whole or even the most important part of our view of the world." He wrote: "The central principles for us are individual liberty and personal fulfilment."

Clarke's pay offer to polys

Ministers want universities and polytechnics to abandon national pay bargaining, and are offering to stop intervening in salary negotiations in return.

Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, used a private session of the polytechnic directors' annual conference in Sheffield to float the idea of local bargaining. He is expected to do the same when he meets vice-chancellors.

National bargaining was retained when polytechnic and college lecturers accepted personal contracts, but Mr Clarke told the directors that the system was inappropriate for the higher education sector.

Two men were yesterday cleared of plotting to sell nearly £300 million worth of stolen bank bonds and Treasury bills. James Parsons, aged 63, of Tibberton, Harford and Worcester, and George Jackson, 45, had denied charges of handling stolen goods. Middlesex Guildhall crown court was told that business associates may have been "motivated by malice" in implicating them.

Seven people were held hostage at gunpoint in a supermarket yesterday by a gang who hijacked a security van and escaped with £250,000. Police in Slade Green, near Erith, Kent, mounted a massive hunt for the three bandits.

Viscount Morpeth, heir to the Earl of Carlisle, yesterday denied a charge of abusive or insulting behaviour after being arrested in a public lavatory in Newcastle upon Tyne. He was remanded on bail by city magistrates.

The photograph published on page 3 of Wednesday's *Times* was not that of Mr Mark Finbow as stated, but of an employee of M J Harvey and Co, the solicitors representing his mother, Mrs Patricia Finbow. *The Times* apologises for the error.

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Some of Britain's best-known hotels are said to be overcharging and industry commentators are not happy

Top hotels accused of charging guests extortionate prices

SOME of Britain's leading hotels stand accused of eye-popping extortion because of the exorbitant prices they charge for "extras". Examples include £21 for a tiny dessert sent up to our children, £7.50 for a sorbet added to a four-course dinner and £6.50 for a pot of tea.

The overcharging is highlighted by Hilary Rubinstein, editor of the *Good Hotel Guide*, who says in his introduction to the 1992 edition, to be published next week, that the practices discredit the entire catering industry.

The guide does not name the hotels responsible, but a *Times* investigation found that some of Britain's best-known country house hotels are among the worst offenders. *Le Manoir aux Quat Saisons*, the award-winning hotel near Oxford run by Raymond Blanc, charges £14.50 for a full English breakfast, even though the people eating it will already have paid at least £165 for a double room. Afternoon tea costs £12.50 a head, a gin and tonic will set you back £4.80 and a 750 millilitre bottle of Perrier costs £3.60.

Other country hotels, including Chewton Glen in Hampshire, whose owner Martin Skan was recently named hotelier of the year, and Hartwell House, Aylesbury, part of the Historic House Hotels group, also load on the extras. In leading London hotels, where single rooms cost a basic £150 a night, guests must pay an average £7.50 extra for a continental breakfast. At The Connaught, guests are charged £8.20 and the same price applies to afternoon tea.

Mr Rubinstein gives several examples of what he calls "these eye-popping extortions" in the introduction to the guide, including 75p being put on the bill for filling a bedroom vacuum jug with cold water. He says yesterday: "Some of the hotels are so mean and penny-pinching that they appear determined to screw the customer. Some are

Would you pay £21 for a dessert? Guests at some leading hotels are expected to, Tony Dawe finds

outstandingly good hotels which must either be pre-occupied with paying off bank loans or assume that the clientele is not going to notice the extras."

Mr Rubinstein recently experienced the practices first hand at Cliveden, the National Trust house in Buckinghamshire which is now a country house hotel. "When I asked for a glass of port for my companion, two arrived and I was charged £16. There was also a surcharge on the bill for the National Trust."

Diana Wallis, a London hotelier, has also experienced frightening charges when staying in the country. "My husband and I have stayed in some hotels where the price quoted for a room bore no relation to the final bill, which was four times the amount. Hotel owners have to be greedy to charge extra for everything. At one hotel with an international reputation, nothing was included."

Mrs Wallis owns The Beaufort, where the substantial price for a room includes everything, even drinks. Some country house hotels, like Summer Lodge in Dorset which offers almost as many facilities as *Le Manoir*, also charge guests an inclusive price.

Albiea Easing was one of a party of 11 people who stayed at the Wrea Head country hotel near Scarborough, North Yorkshire, last month. She found that while the other guests were paying an inclusive weekend rate of £250 a person for dinner and bed and breakfast, her party was being charged £45 per person for bed and breakfast and an extra £20 on average for dinner.

She said: "The hotel automatically added £3 here and £3 there for morning coffee and afternoon tea even though we never had it. It was unable to account for 'a final drinks bill which was a ridiculous £60'."

Tea accounts for many examples of overcharging. At Holbeck Ghyll, Windermere, a guide inspector was charged £17.88 for a "fairly standard child's high tea". A visitor to Farleyer House, Aberfeldy, Tayside, said: "£10 for a pot of tea and a handful of biscuits was a bit much". At Hartwell House, a pot of tea cost £5.80.

Mr Rubinstein said that places which adopt such pricing policies "will surely go out of business in the long run". He said that was the only remedy. The Office of Fair Trading said yesterday that since the hotels were not jointly operating an anti-competitive policy, there was nothing it could do.



What is a fair charge? Raymond Blanc, whose guests at his hotel near Oxford pay £14.50 for breakfast on top of the £165 they pay for a room

WHERE YOU DO AND DON'T PAY EXTRA	
IN LONDON	IN THE COUNTRY
THE CONNAUGHT Single room a night inc VAT: 15% service charge added, from £165.00 Continental breakfast..... £8.20 Coffee..... £2.50 Afternoon tea..... £4.80 Gin and tonic..... £4.80 Bottle sparkling water..... £2.20 TOTAL..... £190.05	LE MANOIR AUX QUAT Great Milton, Oxon Double room a night inc VAT and service, from £165.00 Full English breakfast..... £14.50 Coffee..... £2.50 Afternoon tea..... £12.50 Gin and tonic..... £4.80 Bottle sparkling water..... £3.60 TOTAL..... £204.20
THE BEAUFORT Single room a night inc VAT and service, from £150.00 Continental breakfast included Coffee included Afternoon tea included Gin and tonic free from bar Bottle sparkling water included TOTAL..... £150.00	SUMMER LODGE Evershot, Dorset Double room a night inc VAT: service discretionary from £94.00 Full English breakfast included Coffee included Afternoon tea included Gin and tonic..... £2.75 Bottle sparkling water..... £1.75 TOTAL..... £98.50

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FROM the moment you step through the oak front door of *Le Manoir aux Quat Saisons*, you feel the staff are after your money. The usual opening greeting "Would you like a drink, sir?" is followed without pause by a suggestion: "A glass of champagne, a *kir royale* perhaps" (Tony Dawe writes).

They are both admirable ideas but, if you turn to the very last page of the wine list when it is presented to you later, you will discover the glass of champagne costs £7.50, two-thirds the price of a full bottle in the nearest supermarket, and the *cassis* and champagne £8.

Whether you visit this famous Elizabethan manor to stay for a few nights or just to dine, you will soon realise that everything you order costs a lot of money. It is the

classic example of what Hilary Rubinstein, in his introduction to the 1992 *Good Hotel Guide*, calls an outstanding hotel which cannot resist "eye-popping extortions".

The lunch menu offered a delicious selection of food, described only last week by Jonathan Meades, *The Times* restaurant critic, as "the best cooking in Britain". The main courses, however, averaged £27.50 with a plate of vegetables £3.80 extra and a salad an additional £4.50.

2- or 3-course instead for the menu of the day (£29.50 for three courses). When I hesitated over whether to order cheese or a dessert, I was promptly invited to take the cheese as an additional course. If I had said "Yes", it would have cost me another £10.50. In all fairness, the

staff were eager to offer extra soup and meat at no additional cost and the wine waiter produced an excellent white from the Loire, which at £19 a bottle was £3 cheaper than the house wine.

But with coffee £3.80 a head, my final bill for two ended up £20 higher than it might have been. Nicholas Dickinson, the hotel's general manager, defended its prices and said they were fair considering the quality and service provided. "We don't try to hoodwink people. We are expensive and make no bones about it," he said.

M. Raymond Blanc, owner of *Le Manoir* and creator of its famous dishes, was busy yesterday preparing for Monday's launch of his latest book *Cooking for Friends* and was unavailable for comment.

Orkney worker tells of doubts

A SOCIAL worker trained in interviewing sex abuse victims had reservations about the existence of a paedophile ring operating in Orkney, the enquiry into the removal of nine children into care was told yesterday.

Julie Lee, aged 39, a member of the island's social work department, told the enquiry in Kirkwall: "I felt that perhaps not all the information available to the police had been presented to field social workers. I could understand the need for a measure of discretion. The allegations involved a number of people who were prominent in the community."

Mrs Lee, previously with Trafford social work department, said she assumed police would be very sure of the facts. She said the children's disclosures were shocking but she would have liked to know more about the circumstances under which they were made. She did not voice her concern because she had only been in the department for 10 days.

Mrs Lee told the inquiry later that she bent the rules and let two children removed from home take toys with them. Social workers had been briefed not to allow children to take toys. "There was concern that certainly some toys might have some significance for the children... some hidden significance which might be some sort of threat to them."

But Mrs Lee said she thought that the removal of children from their homes had to be handled more sensitively. It would have "gone against good practice to prevent them taking their clothes and a few toys."

The enquiry continues. Nine children from four families were removed from their homes in South Ronaldsay on February 27 after sex abuse allegations made by three other children already in care. The enquiry was adjourned until Monday.

Policeman banned for drink-driving

A SENIOR police officer who was more than three times over the drink-driving limit when he was involved in a head-on car crash was banned from driving for two years and fined £650 yesterday.

Detective Inspector Richard Duffield, aged 38, of Maresfield, East Sussex, pleaded guilty in Uckfield magistrates' court to charges of exceeding the alcohol limit and driving without due care. The court was told that he had drunk so much vodka and wine during a day off after a party that he did not know what he was doing.

He was on his way to London when his car veered across the central white line on a bend on the A22 near East Grinstead and smashed into an oncoming vehicle.

The magistrates were told that Det Insp Duffield, based at Sussex police headquarters in Lewes, had been drinking at a party the previous evening but had not been driving then. He had the following day off and decided to spend it at home before travelling to London for an appointment the next morning. But after a vodka and tonic before lunch

and wine with the meal, he then spent the afternoon doing paperwork and continued drinking vodka. He then changed his mind and decided to drive to London.

Keith Arscott, for the defence, said the decision was spontaneous. "He gave no thought to the amount he had drunk. If he had drunk half as much, he would not have gone. The level of drink affected his judgment. There was error on a judgment on his behalf, which he accepts. The volume of alcohol in his blood was a material factor in the crash," Mr Arscott said.

"His personal embarrassment and humiliation are secondary to the feelings he has that he brings down the police force by appearing in this court. It is his job to bring offenders before court and not appear there himself."

Det Insp Duffield was fined £500 for driving while over the legal limit and £150 for driving without due care and attention. He was ordered to pay £30 towards prosecution costs.

He now faces disciplinary proceedings by his Chief Constable.

Baker questions role of the BBC

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

PLANS to sell off BBC Radios 1 and 2, making the "specialist and elitist" Radio 3 a subscription service, reducing the BBC's massive bureaucracy and making BBC2 into a commercial channel, are to be considered by a Home Office committee.

The ideas are part of a rigorous examination of the BBC's role, including its work as a public service broadcaster, outlined by Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, at last night's Royal Television Society convention in Cambridge.

While he did not rule out a royal commission to study the BBC in the lead-up to its royal charter expiring in 1996, Mr Baker hinted that an internal Home Office committee would canvass ideas and comments on its role from a range of people.

He said a discussion document containing proposals about the future funding and remit of the BBC would be published next year. It would set out the alternatives for the BBC before inviting comments from all interested parties, including the public.

"The central question is, what exactly do we mean by universality and how do we justify it? Do we mean simply the technical reach of the BBC's reception or do we mean that the BBC has to produce a range of programmes which cover everything from soaps to the Proms, from quiz shows to parliamentary broadcasts, from sports events to investigative programmes? If the full range of services is provided, then how should it be paid for?" Mr Baker said.

"We cannot assume - and nor does the BBC - that things should inevitably continue as they are. Clearly there is a role for public service broadcasting, but that role will have to be defined more specifically. It's obvious that the BBC is going to be a different body in the next two or three years."

He added that the ideas for changes in television and radio channels had come from broadcasters, not him.

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Free speech turned on police chiefs

By QUENTIN COWDRY
HOME AFFAIRS
CORRESPONDENT

THE great and the good of the international policing community could almost be forgiven for having second thoughts about the need for greater police openness after receiving a 30-minute lecture yesterday from Margaret Phelan, a Yorkshire housewife.

The idea of allowing her to address the world's police seemed fine on paper. What better way of proving that the police were at last beginning to listen to their "customers" as they now call us.

But within seconds of opening her speech to the international police conference and exhibition at the Barbican, London, a distinct



Phelan: a tirade of embarrassing questions discomforted her through her audience.

She asked: why did the police rush round looking important in panda cars when they always turned up after the crime had been

committed? Why weren't more officers out on the beat where, if they couldn't catch villains, they could at least reassure the public? Why was it when you asked them to stop youths swaggering noisily and threateningly down the street the reply was so often a patronising "there's not a lot we can do about that?"

A Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator for eight years, Mrs Phelan warned to her theme. Some policemen were attacked as "arrogant and elitist", the type who seemed to develop an attitude problem when they donned their uniforms.

Officers needed to remember, when they eased their jackets off at night, who paid their wages, Mrs Phelan said.

She also attacked the media, whose policy of printing anything "as long as its sensational" had fuelled fear of crime, and the educational establishment which was wary of tackling juvenile delinquency.

One of the biggest, deep-seated roots of criminality, she said, was the sense of futility many young people felt after being bombarded through the media by images of success - "goals you can never achieve".

The majority of people at the lower end of our system cannot ever hope to achieve such dizzy heights and it's unfair to dangle a carrot that can never be eaten," she added.

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THERE ARE those who claim that the suit is England's greatest cultural offering. I do not think I would go along with that but certainly the suit is here to stay. If you are a high-profile designer, an actor, a politician or a cook you may well get through your professional life without ever having to do the basic kit, the trousers, jacket and waistcoat that since 18th-century times have provided a safe and sure uniform in which an Englishman may hide.

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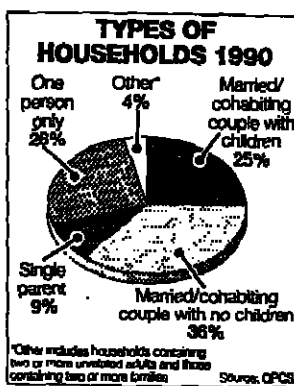
Richer and smaller households dominate British society

By RAY CLANCY

HOUSEHOLDS have become more affluent and smaller over the past two decades. More people are buying homes but women with children are still less likely to go out to work than those who are childless, according to the latest statistical survey of life in Britain.

There are more one-person households than in the Seventies and the emerging pattern indicates that the old family standard of father, mother and children living under one roof is a social trend of the past. Last year only a quarter of households consisted of a married or cohabiting couple with dependent children.

The General Household Survey, published yesterday, compares figures gathered between April 1990 and March 1991 with surveys since the beginning of the 1970s. One of the main changes has been a reduction in the average size of households, due mainly to the increase in the proportion of one-person households.



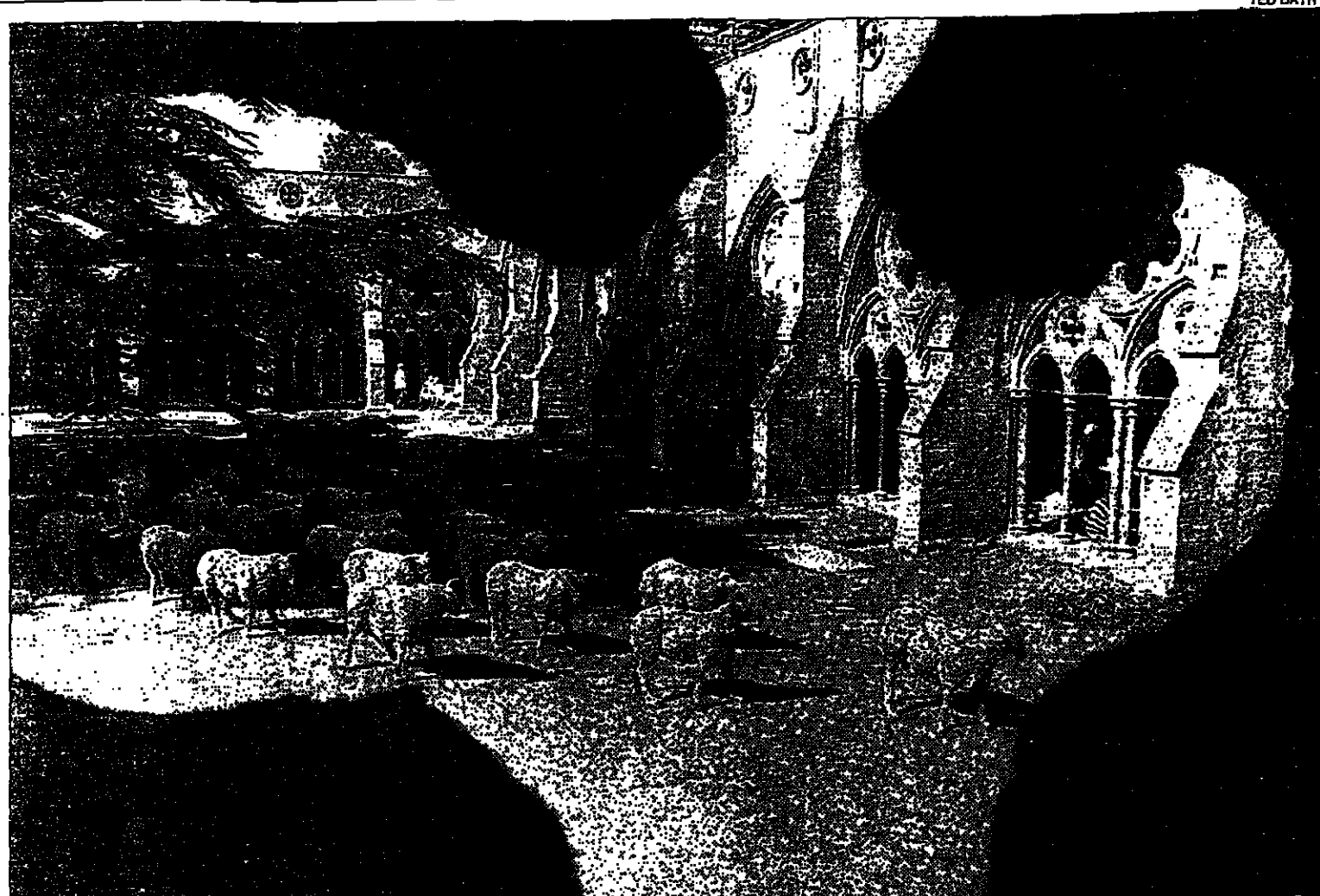
There has been a steady downward trend from 2.91 people in 1971 to 2.46 in 1990.

The past 20 years has seen a marked increase in the proportion of families with dependent children headed by a single parent, from 8 per cent in 1971 to 19 per cent in 1990. At the same time there has been an increase in the number of single mothers whereas the number of single fathers looking after children has remained almost static between 1 and 2 per cent. The proportion of households

renting from local authorities has declined steadily from 34 per cent in 1981 to 24 per cent last year. Private renting has also decreased.

The growing affluence of households is shown by the increasing possession of central heating and consumer goods. In 1972 only 37 per cent of households had central heating compared with 80 per cent last year. That has been accompanied by a rise in the ownership of consumer durables with almost household now having a television set (98 per cent) and more than 80 per cent owning a deep freezer, washing machine and telephone. Ownership of compact disc players, included for the first time in 1989, rose from 15 per cent of the households two years ago to 21 per cent last year.

General Household Survey: Preliminary results for 1990 (OPCS, St Catherine's House, 10 Kingsway, London WC2B 6JP; £2)



Flocking to the faith: sheep sculpted by Sophie Ryder grazing in the cloisters of Salisbury cathedral as part of the city's festival celebrations. Some of the proceeds from the sale of the sheep, and of many other sculptures being exhibited, will go towards the cathedral's spire appeal

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Pupils to take new tests at 14

By DAVID TYTLER
EDUCATION EDITOR

WRITTEN end-of-year tests in mathematics, science, English and technology are to be introduced for all 14-year-olds in England and Wales in summer 1993. Pilot testing of up to 12,000 pupils in 80 schools will begin next year.

Details of the tests emerged after the National Union of Teachers asked the School Examinations and Assessment Council what arrangements were being made for the tests in stage three of the national curriculum.

The education department confirmed that the tests would be taken in all schools at the same time. They will consist of three one-hour papers in mathematics and science, two 90-minute papers in English plus a one-hour paper, 90 minutes of design technology and one hour of information technology.

Examining boards and educational research companies are now being asked to tender for the contracts for setting the tests. The council's specifications suggest that marking should take teachers about 15 minutes for the mathematics papers and 25 minutes for science.

The prime minister and Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, had already announced that written tests would replace the project work originally proposed by the council which Mr Clarke described as "elaborate nonsense".

Doug McAvoy, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said: "A pencil and paper test in a practical subject such as science is daft." He added that the tests would apparently rely on multiple choice questions. "This will not assess the range of skills young people should be able to display at this stage."

Mr Clarke is due to announce new proposals later this year for mathematics, science and English tests for seven-year-olds for next spring. It is widely expected that they, too, will rely heavily on paper and pencil testing although many teachers complain they are unsuitable for children of that age.

Mersey ferry rams pier

Seven people were taken to hospital after a Mersey ferry crashed into Liverpool's Pier Head landing stage yesterday. One passenger was unconscious and another was believed to have broken a leg.

The ferry, the Mountwood, had just begun a 30-minute pleasure cruise carrying about 30 passengers when its steering gear apparently failed. It was carried 150 yards down river before hitting the landing stage wall.

Mersey Ferries, which operates the Mountwood, said: "The lessons learned in the Marchioness disaster were used after the collision to ensure full passenger safety. The crew kept the passengers informed so there would be no panic."

Death charge

A boy aged 15 from Alum Rock, Birmingham, was charged in the city's juvenile court with causing the death of Sangheeta Mohan, aged 27, a teacher, by reckless driving. The boy was also charged with driving while disqualified and without insurance. He and another boy aged 12 were charged with taking a van. Both were remanded in care.

Bodies in car

Police investigating the deaths of a couple at East Stoke, near Newark, Nottinghamshire, have ruled out the involvement of a third person. Ronald Bass, aged 54, was found inside a car. In the boot was the battered body of Margaret Stewart-Johnson, aged 43.

Thief burnt

A man who tried to steal petrol from a car by candlelight set the petrol alight, badly damaging the car, Stafford crown court was told. William Ward, aged 24, who burnt his hand, was ordered to do 140 hours community service.

Employer fined

A company director was fined £1,250 by King's Lynn magistrates, Norfolk, for illegally employing children. Kenneth Brown, aged 44, admitted employing two girls aged 14 to cut the tops off carrots.

Dealer stands by £200,000 bid

By SARAH JANE CHECKLAND, ART MARKET CORRESPONDENT

ONE of London's top dealers last night defended his decision to pay £200,000 for a pair of candlesticks estimated at about £4,000.

John Hobbs, of Carlton Hobbs in Fimbo, saw the torches in a catalogue photograph and made his bid by telephone to the sale in New York. Auctioneers at Sotheby's were astonished as bidding outstripped their original estimate of between \$6,000 and \$8,000 (£3,500-£4,700) and resulted in Mr Hobbs paying \$330,000.

Yesterday Mr Hobbs admitted that he would not know whether he had made a "terrible blunder" until the candlesticks were shipped to him, probably next week.

Sotheby's yesterday stuck by its cataloguing of "a pair of gilt-bronze jasper torches, third quarter 19th century, possibly Russian", saying that

the authenticity of the candlesticks was under question.

Mr Hobbs believes that they are rare survivors from the exclusive Fabry and Urtzshneider factory, based in France in the late 18th century and early 19th century. He said that he and colleagues had studied the catalogue photograph under a magnifying glass. "It was apparent that there was something strange about the material," he said, referring to the polished imitation stone effect on the surfaces of the candlesticks, a feature for which the factory was famous.

Victorian watercolours of picturesque Home County cottages sold well at Christie's in London yesterday, due to interest from present day owners of the houses. Top price for the works, all by Helen Allingham, was £46,200 for a scene near Witely, Surrey.

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SNP conference

Westminster branded worse than Kremlin in clinging to power

By KERRY GILL

THE Westminster government was yesterday compared unfavourably to the Kremlin by Margaret Ewing, the Scottish National Party's parliamentary leader, in an attack on continuing English rule.

Delivering her keynote speech to the annual conference in Inverness, she said the Kremlin had become more attuned to the claims for independence than unionist governments in Britain.

Truly the Kremlin and Westminster had a lot in common, although the latter is probably now the arch proponent in the world of big brotherism, making the Kremlin seem like a new version of Amnesty International."

Mrs Ewing, a fundamental nationalist who believes in independence at all costs, said that hitherto the Kremlin had used tanks, Kalashnikovs, the KGB and the Black Berets. Westminster still used "placemen and women, disinformation, secrecy, an unrepresentative voting system, a colonial government and a biased press and media."

The "moaning minnies" of the British establishment said the nationalism of the Baltic states could not be compared to the rising nationalism in Scotland, she said, but there were parallels which the establishment found difficult to understand. "The establishment trembles at the will of the people with the same imperialistic fear as did the Kremlin at the will of the Lithuanians, the Estonians and the Latvians," she said.

"If the opponents of Scotland's freedom do not use tanks and guns, they certainly use the same arguments. After all a multi-option referendum is denied to us, an election solely on the constitutional issue is denied to us," Mrs Ewing, who received a standing ovation, said that last night's Question Time programme had featured a member of the Green party but not Alex Salmond, the nationalist leader. She claimed that Soviet television could not have exercised more discrimination than the BBC.

Mrs Ewing said that the Baltic states, like Scotland, had fought for more than 50 years to restore their statehood. The Baltic states had worked to achieve their goal through democratic means; elections and referendums were fought for in spite of killings and the actions of placemen.

How easy it should be, she argued, for Scots to achieve independence through properly controlled democratic means. Up to 37 per cent of Scots are believed to back independence although the SNP's task is to translate this figure into public support for the party.

Delegates supported an appeal for government aid to alleviate the troubles faced by the people of the Western Isles in the wake of the collapse of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International. The islands' council lost more than £23 million invested in the bank.

Frances MacFarlane, the nationalist parliamentary candidate for the isles, said the population had suffered the most bitterly painful summer in memory. The loss would have economic, social and cultural repercussions for generations of islanders, she said.

"People in the Western Isles are no more responsible for BCCI than we would have been responsible for an earthquake, but we, our children and their children and generations as yet unborn will face the consequences."

Mr Salmond called on John Major to dismiss his

team of fisheries ministers because of their failure to protect the fishing industry in Scotland.

Mr Major had to begin by getting rid of John Gummer, the agriculture minister, and his team of David Curry and Lord Strathclyde, who had done nothing for the industry. "Gummer's antipathy to Scotland and the Scottish fleet is well known and long established. David Curry laughed and sniggered his way through the tie-up [a conservation scheme] debate in the House of Commons when fishing MPs were explaining the life-threatening nature of the measure, while Lord Strathclyde is the weakest Scottish fishing minister in living memory. This threesome carry no confidence in any section of the fishing industry in Scotland. They should all go and go now," Mr Salmond said.

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Mind over business matters: Alison Peterson, a City stockbroker, who joined colleagues, bankers and accountants yesterday to spend a lunch hour juggling balls rather than figures to try out the new stress-relieving craze (Louise Hidalgo writes). Billed as London's first jugglathon, many of the participants said that they were already addicts and espoused the healing

powers of throwing three coloured balls in the air.

The secret of juggling's stress relieving properties is that it requires total concentration, according to Charlie Fairbairn, director of a company which runs juggling workshops for companies and individuals all over Britain, who organised yesterday's event. "You can't think about the

mortgage, or the deal you've just lost. You'll drop the balls," he said. Mr Fairbairn, a former computer consultant, set up the company, More Balls Than Most, to spread the juggling gospel. Fourteen months later, it has a turnover of almost £1 million and a corporate list which includes Trafalgar House, Dem & Bradstreet and County NatWest.

Drivers blamed for M40 death

A court yesterday blamed all speeding drivers involved in an 80-vehicle motorway pile-up for causing the death of a trainee teacher.

Lucy Hine, 22, of Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire, died in February when a lorry crushed her car during the crash in fog on the M40 in Oxfordshire. Nicholas Gardiner, recording a verdict of unlawful killing, said motorists were "going at grotesquely high speeds".

Officer retires

Superintendent Roger Marshall, who called for the opening of the gates at Hillsborough football stadium in Sheffield, where 95 people were crushed to death in April 1989, is to retire in November.

Man jailed

Lee Shirley, aged 20, of Llanrhydydd, Cardiff, was jailed for four years by Cardiff crown court for dropping a boulder from a bridge on to a police car, injuring both officers inside.

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Graham Keating, aged 50, of Sydney, won the world town criers' championship at Shanklin, Isle of Wight.

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Green conference

Realists call for a single leader

Green party realists believe radical internal reform is the only way to win votes, Michael McCarthy reports

THE Green party will this weekend make a final pre-election attempt to drag itself back into the political mainstream. Surprisingly, it might succeed.

At its autumn conference beginning today in Wolverhampton, the party's pragmatists, led by Jean Lambert, the parliamentary candidate for Walthamstow who is supported by Jonathon Porritt and Sara Parkin, will try to persuade the party to set up a small executive team to fight the election. The most radical parts of the proposal, labelled Green 2000, are to choose only two spokesmen to explain policy (at present there are 30) and to elect a single leader (at present there are three).

The ideas will seem anathema to the party's

turned 15 per cent of the national vote in the European elections two years ago, the party's support has dropped to between 1 and 2 per cent.

Ms Lambert said: "People know we are there, but in a vague and unfocused way."

The Greens have nearly 30 elected councillors in local government and have already chosen 243 candidates for parliamentary constituencies.

Robert Worcester, the chairman of Market & Opinion Research International (MORI) said: "It is a one-issue party, a radical party and a recipient of the dustbin vote, all of which are handicaps."

Forty-four per cent of voters in Mori's last poll think the Greens have the best policies on environmental protection, but only 1 per cent think they have the best policies on anything else. The environment is unlikely to be a key election issue: it is eighth in Mori's August list of voters' concerns, trailing far behind unemployment, the health service and education.

Mr Worcester said the party's radicalism puts off voters. He said many votes for the party have, in the past, been used as protests in by-elections, local elections and the European poll by people who return to their natural voting inclination at general elections.

The Greens have not been helped in the past year by personality problems. David Icke, the BBC sports presenter, once scorned the party's best hope of a parliamentary seat, on the Isle of Wight. His announcement six months ago that he was the new messiah changed all that.

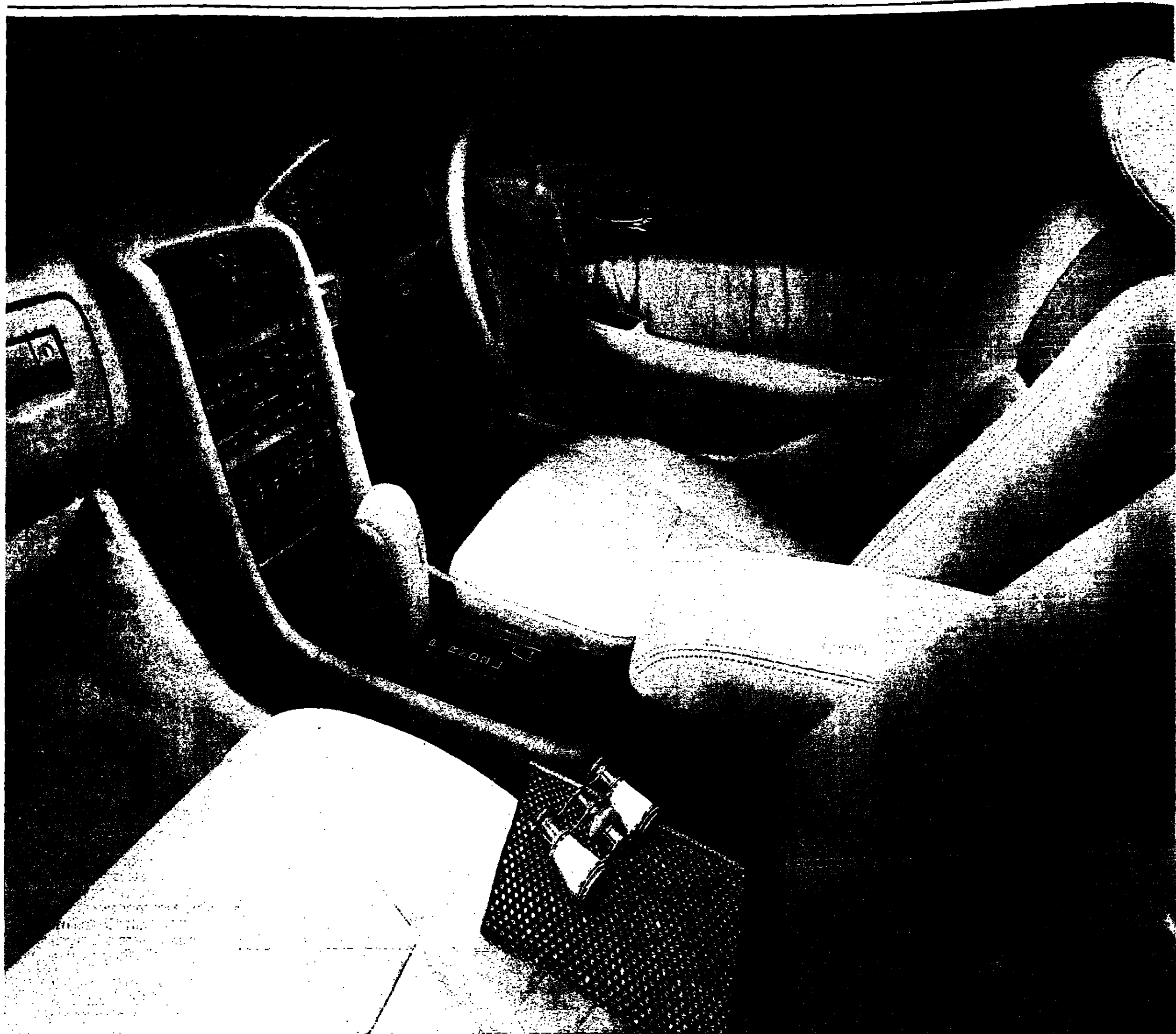
Mr Icke left the party, but his legacy was the more-than-usually-eccentric air it now has, which reportedly prompted Screaming Lord Such to say: "David Icke is the only man I truly fear. He is splitting the loony vote."

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Parkin: supporting party pragmatists over change

many fundamentalists, typified by Brig Oubridge, an ecologist from a Welsh commune. "We have a hang-up about the word 'executive'," he said yesterday. "We are not like other parties who do their policies from the top down. We reject and have always rejected the cult of personality and of leaders." Although fundamentalists still carry considerable weight in party circles, their opposition might be overcome in tomorrow's debate about the proposals. Many hold the belief that the party has been irreversibly damaged because it lacks a coherent voice and visible leadership. Since it successfully cap-



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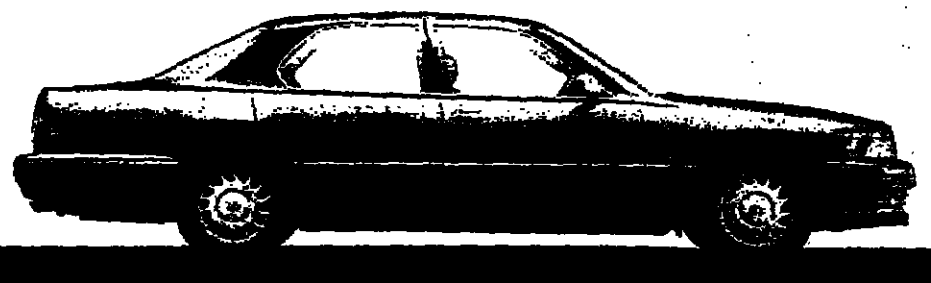
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Fighting crime

Police are warned about separate law for rich and poor

By QUENTIN COWDRY, HOME AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

A CALL for the private security industry to be independently regulated and for clear limits to be set on its expansion into traditional policing areas was made yesterday by Sir John Woodcock, Her Majesty's chief inspector of constabulary.

The continuing growth of private security contractors meant that regulation of the industry was imperative, he said. More importantly still, the police service needed to emphasise the dangers of mainstream policing work being handed over to the private sector, as had happened in the United States.

Referring to the way many rich neighbourhoods in the United States had hired off their policing needs to contractors, Sir John said: "It is very possible to remove from the service the easy bits and

hand them over to the private sector. I believe that the police have to state publicly and loudly their resistance to the possibility of a truncated service, struggling to deliver a system to the less affluent, coping with reduced funds to deal with major issues."

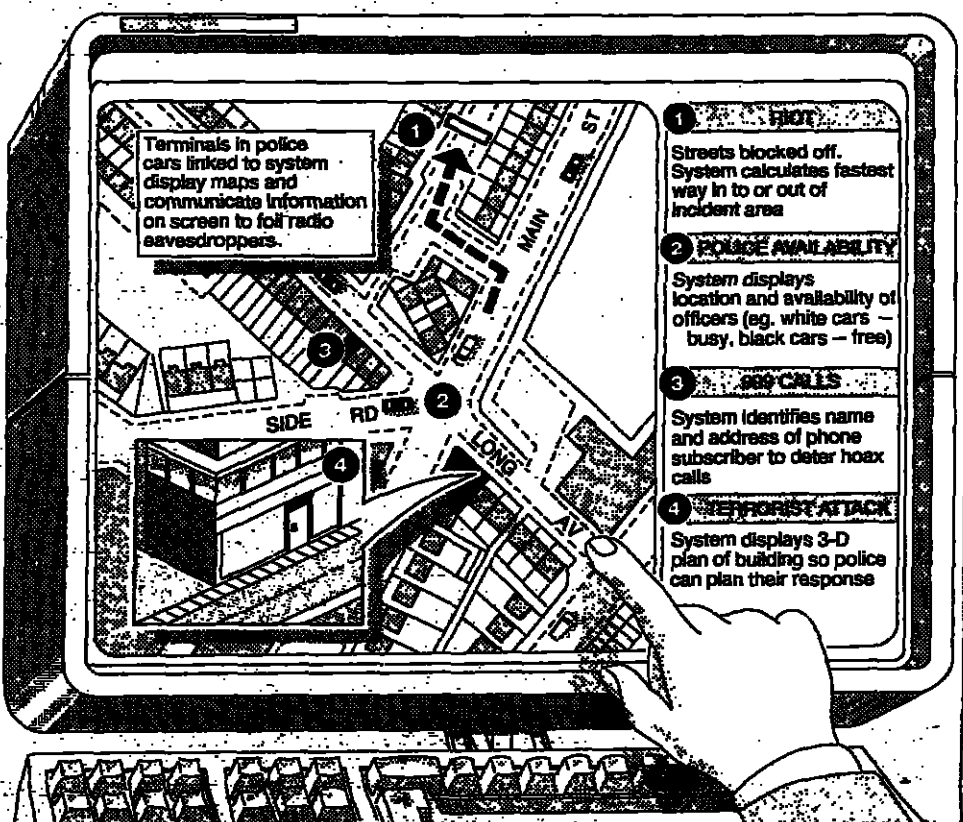
Sir John, addressing the international police exhibition and conference in London, said he feared that Britain could follow America's example "in neglecting the possibility of a truncated service". For that reason, he supported the decision by the Police Foundation, the influential police think-tank, to try to define the boundaries of the police's duties.

Sir John also urged the police to redouble their efforts to improve quality of service and to listen more attentively to the needs of the public. That improvements were nec-

essary was indicated by the misgivings many officers felt when friends or neighbours fell victim to crime. They often felt impelled to ring the local chief superintendent or detective chief inspector to try to win special attention for the case.

He said: "Most police officers have made a telephone call of that nature. However, the public of Britain deserve to know that they have a police service in which senior police officers do not need to make telephone calls like that."

Pointing out that the public wanted a police service which put community relations above public relations, he called for greater and more open measurement of police work and the abandonment of "prized protective customs" such as rigid shift systems.



Computer is latest weapon in crime fight

By NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

THE most sophisticated police computer installed in Britain, a system that should play an important role in tackling inner-city riots, was unveiled yesterday.

The computer, similar to those used by American forces, should improve efficiency in all aspects of police work, including catching criminals, finding missing persons and foiling hoax 999 calls.

The system's introduction is being seen as one of the most radical steps forward in police computerisation since command and control systems were introduced in the late Sixties after a visit by Roy Jenkins, the then home secretary, to America.

The new system, which is expected eventually to be used countrywide, is being pioneered by the Cleveland force at its headquarters in Middlesbrough. At the heart of the computer is a geographic information system which, when an incident is reported, can instantly display a map showing streets, buildings and the incident's location. The map also shows the locations of police vehicles and officers.

Keith Hellawell, chief constable of Cleveland police, said: "If we have a situation where there is an urban riot, and streets would normally use have been blocked off, the system would automatically compute the next best route to get into and out of the area."

Mr Hellawell said that there were plans to link police vehicles to the system, providing more secure communications than radio.

The system, developed by Intergraph, an American firm that also supplies US forces, is able to turn two-dimensional plans of buildings into three-dimensional drawings. Those allow officers to "walk through" a building on the screen to study potentially dangerous areas such as recesses on staircases. The facility's main use would be during sieges or during chemical factory accidents.

Mr Hellawell said that more extensive use of the computer was planned, including the introduction of a facility for tracing telephone calls, to deter 999 hoaxes.

Project gets young off the streets

"SEE that boy over there," the project organiser said, pointing to one of the children playing football on the new all-weather pitch. "A fortnight ago he was stoning policemen a few roads away from here."

Don Cooper was standing in the playground of Bristol's Fonthill Junior school - the base for Venture 12, one of dozens of small crime prevention schemes supported by the local "safer cities" programme. The child in question - looking innocent itself - was not even a teenager.

The safer cities programme is the Home Office's most ambitious attempt yet to adopt a "multi-agency" approach to crime prevention. Backed by about £7 million of central government funds each year, the initiative involves police, council officials, voluntary groups and probation officers in 16 urban areas uniting to tackle crime and the anxieties it can spawn.

Each scheme is overseen by locally recruited steering committees, with day-to-day operations left to a Home Office-funded co-ordinator. After analysing local offending patterns, the committees give grants to large numbers of small, generally low-cost, crime prevention projects.

At first most strategies were based on encouraging householders to protect their properties. But now the "social crime prevention" approach, of which Bristol's Venture 12 is an example, has been developed. The project, on South-

Quentin Cowdry examines an example of the police and public uniting to prevent crime

mead council estate, one of the city's most deprived districts, is essentially a youth club. Last year it involved 200 children aged between ten and 17 in activities ranging from five-a-side soccer to abseiling and mountain biking.

Mr Cooper said: "The trick is to get the kids off the streets and engage them in lively, purposeful pursuits. That shows them somebody cares and gives a focus for them to start exercising self-discipline."

He accepts that evaluating its effectiveness is difficult, but says it is no surprise that, last summer holiday, Fonthill Junior school had only one of its windows broken, while a neighbouring school had 60 panes smashed.

The Home Office said that it was too early to make an overall assessment of the national programme, but listed a series of "success stories", including a security scheme in Nottingham which had led to a drop of more than 60 per cent in recorded burglaries at a shopping centre, and a campaign in Sunderland which had led to a 60 per cent fall in notified crime in car parks.

Car buyers demand anti-theft measures

By KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S most powerful group of car buyers last night warned motor manufacturers to drop their obsession with unnecessary gadgets and to do more to improve the security of their vehicles against theft by joyriders.

The British Vehicle Rental and Leasing Association, which represents companies buying up to 500,000 cars a year, said that manufacturers still concentrated on superficial accessories at the expense of vehicle security.

Roger Macey, the association's chairman, said: "The theft of cars has become a blight on our society and is the

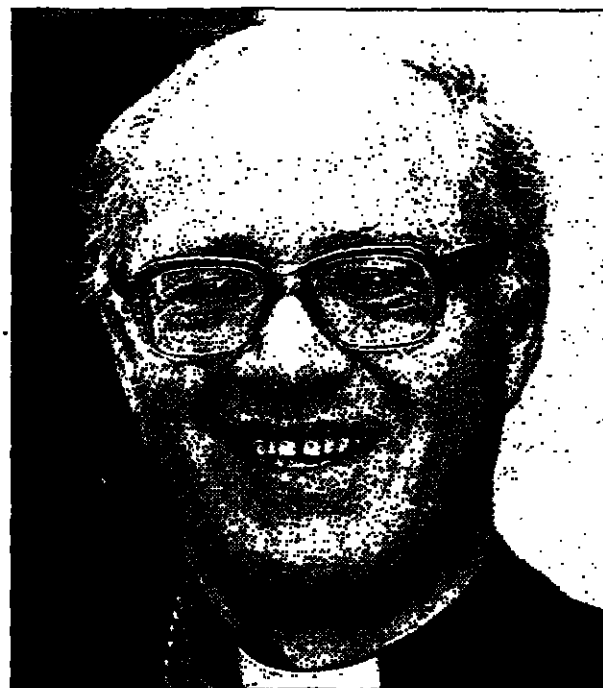
major cause in the escalation in crime rate figures. The situation can only be dealt with if manufacturers rethink their priorities for product design and begin to regard theft prevention measures as being of comparable importance to in-car entertainment."

Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, is to meet car manufacturers on Monday to tell them that they are not doing enough to make cars secure against joyriders. Britain has the worst record on car crime in Europe, accounting for a quarter of all police activity.

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Carey criticises Christian-only schooling

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT



Open debate: Dr Carey favours a broad education

THE Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, last night delivered a strong attack on those who wish to send their children to exclusive Christian schools. Dr Carey said schools in which no alternatives to the Christian faith were known were "socially divisive, educationally damaging and spiritually unsatisfying."

The archbishop, addressing the annual conference of the Association of Anglican Secondary School Heads in Chester, argued for the Anglican system of open education to be retained.

His words were given a guarded welcome by the Christian Schools Campaign, of which he is a patron and which represents more than 70 independent Christian schools. Ruth Deakin, campaign director and head of Oak Hill school in Bristol, said: "Faith-based or Christian-based education does

not have to be narrow, dogmatic or restrictive. The archbishop should have qualified his remarks."

Dr Carey said: "The spiritual development of a child is not limited to acts of worship or the time given to RE [but must be] integrated with the physical, moral and mental development in the teaching of all subjects."

He said his vision of education went beyond the rediscovery and repositioning of a Christian world view. "We are not talking about brainwashing or indoctrination, but an open system in which doubt, questioning, argument and enquiry are allowable and essential agreements." The wish to send children to tightly-protected Christian schools was damaging "because the time will come when unpalatable realities have to be faced", he added.

Dr Carey linked the recent inner city riots to failures in education: "Education fails when young people feel the only place they are being led is a blind alley, when they become convinced that a better and fuller life cannot be attained." He called for the church to renew its commitment to a Christian concept of education in which "spiritual and moral values are paramount".

Dr Carey's comments came amid growing concern that spiritual development in education is being marginalised. According to the report of the Religious Education Council, published today, curriculum documents now emerging show that matters of belief and value are being "eliminated from both core and foundation subjects".

The report says: "The brand of secularism being projected appears unnecessarily narrow and closed."

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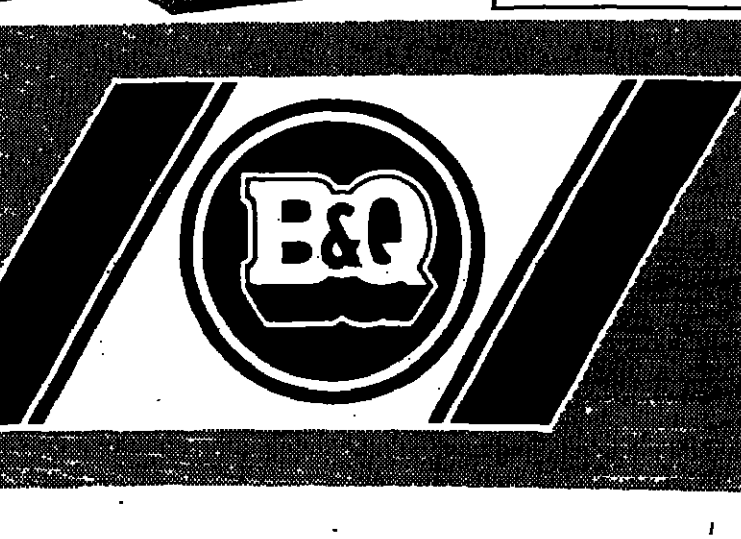
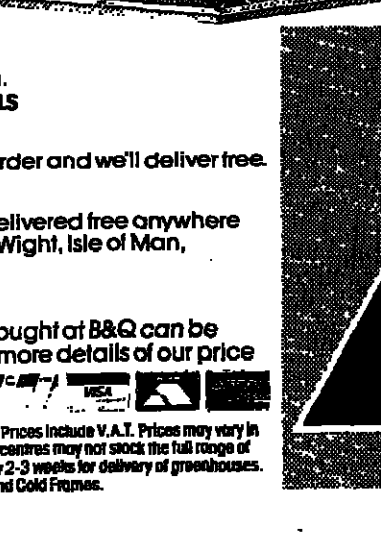
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FROM SUSAN ELICOTT
IN WASHINGTON

As is often the case with congressional hearings, the debate about Mr. Gates's suitability for the job before his testimony was more compelling than the substance of three days of questions so far on Capitol Hill. By yesterday, his confirmation to lead the CIA into post-Cold War restructure looked almost certain, even before a past colleague at the intelligence



Gates: has disarmed his congressional critics

The worst of the heat seemed to be off when Alan Fiers, a former CIA taskforce chief, said he did not tell Mr Gates about the Iran-Contra affair and thought it "highly

Earlier this week, Mr Gates testified that he knew nothing about the document when, as No. 2 at the CIA, he prepared congressional testimony for the late William Casey, his then boss. Members of the panel seemed to be satisfied with his explanations that "to

His remarks were aimed at deflating criticism of the CIA as an outmoded agency that concentrates too much on military espionage on the Soviet Union. The agency's detractors, among them Democrats seeking deeper cuts in defence spending, have argued that the collapse of communism and Soviet democratic reforms are grounds for refashioning the CIA.



Soweto sorrow: mourners taking the body of an unborn child killed near Johannesburg to the funeral yesterday of ten victims of township tribal clashes. Thousands of African National Congress supporters attended the burials

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The prosecution of Mrs Sharma's mother-in-law, who was jailed for a few months immediately after the attack, has come to a stop. Rarely in the lawless, bribe-ridden world of India's poor is justice done, because police take bribes to drop investigations. Dinesh Bhat, Delhi's deputy commissioner of police for the crimes against women section, insists that corrupt policemen are rare but acknowledges that few people are jailed for bride-burning, despite a 1983 law that presumes the accused to be guilty until proven innocent. "Witnesses refuse to testify," he says. "At least a quarter of dowry deaths are suicides because the woman has been harassed and goaded into setting herself on fire. In such cases we charge the

Madhu Kalie, who runs a Delhi women's organisation called Civil Lines, says she is currently fighting six bride-burning cases.

DAYANITA SINGH



Sharma: suffered 60 per cent burns in the attack.



Sharma: suffered 60 per cent burns in the attack

FROM MARY LEE IN SINGAPORE

The germ warfare laboratory was part of a military complex in the Singapore general hospital. Professor Tokuro Matsuzawa, of Keio university, who is researching Japanese biological warfare activities, told the paper that "Oka 9420 Buis" was the codename for the Singapore branch of Unit 731, the Japanese germ warfare centre based in the Manchurian city of Harbin during the war. The

by exposing them to extremely low and high pressures, freezing them and injecting them with cholera and bubonic plague bacteria in other biological experiments. During the second world war at least ten cities in China were reportedly bombed with germs and suffered epidemics.

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Collapse of Yugoslav truce leaves future of beleaguered Croatian leader in balance

Barracks siege goes on despite ceasefire

FROM TIM JUDAH IN ZAGREB

AS CLASHES continued in several parts of the beleaguered republic of Croatia yesterday the Yugoslav army officers in the Marshal Tito barracks in Zagreb decided to decorate the tank guarding the entrance with roses and the word "Peace".

Outside, small groups of Croatian police and armed volunteers maintained the siege of the barracks which they began last Saturday. With the fate of the Croatian ceasefire in the balance, tank traps and mines were still in place around the barracks and power, water and telephones remained cut off.

In spite of news reports of a "tense stand-off" at the barracks, life inside looked boring. Past the tank with the flower arrangement, pimply youths milled about while others chopped up planks for firewood. Around sandbag emplacements scores of spent bullet cases bore testimony to the recent fighting, particularly on Tuesday night.

"They shoot at us from the surrounding blocks of flats," Captain Slavko Milovan, the Marshal Tito "tour guide" explained. "During the day it's quiet, but they fire at us during the night — and not just bullets," he added, gesturing to a punctured sandbag from

which protruded part of an unexploded bazooka shell. Milo, a Serbian conscript aged 20, who was tucking into a rich-smelling stew cooked outside the canteen on wood-burning field stoves, said: "I swear to you I wasn't scared. It's the Croats who always fire first. I know because the officers are always telling us not to fire first."

Milo's colleagues agreed. Crammed onto the table along with their mess tins, dried biscuits and apples were their helmets and Kalashnikov assault rifles. A straw poll revealed little confidence in the latest ceasefire and, despite the presence of officers, an apparently genuine belief that the army always acted only in self-defence.

"They would use tanks and artillery if they had them," said Zoran, aged 25, an officer from Bosnia-Herzegovina when he was asked why the Croats, who are generally armed only with light weapons, are always pounded with cannon and war planes. He also claimed that the Croats had recruited Filipino, Romanian, Greek and Turkish mercenaries.

Alongside the central parade ground, conscripts were washing their mess tins with water from rubber containers that looked like eiderdown-sized hot-water bottles and others were heating a cauldron of water with which to wash themselves. "My mother will be very scared," said Nikola, aged 19, from Belgrade. "Because they cut the phones off I haven't been able to call her."

Aleksandar, his friend, also aged 19 and from Belgrade, admitted to having been "a little frightened" during the shooting. "The politicians make agreements and don't keep them," he complained, "and so we suffer."

Trying to find out who really did start the shooting at the Tito barracks is one of those fruitless Balkan tasks that generates more heat than light. At the Croatian sandbag emplacements they, too, show off bullet holes shot from the flats behind them rather than from the barracks.

Manning the roadblocks around Zagreb, few of the armed men checking traffic seemed either pleased to have a ceasefire or confident that it would last. "If I catch a Serb," said an Albanian from Serbia's southern province of Kosovo, "I'm going to..."

His finger crossing his throat finished the sentence to the approving laughter of his colleagues.



Hunt for safety: a Croat woman in Valpovo, near Osijek, heading for an air-raid shelter yesterday as widespread shelling and bombing continued despite the ceasefire

Carrington deal is last chance for Tudjman

The Croat leader's prospects are dim as peace hopes fade, Roger Boyes, East Europe Correspondent, writes

PRESIDENT Franjo Tudjman of Croatia, once cosseted and celebrated by an extravagant personality cult, will be barely able to hang on to the leadership of the breakaway republic if Lord Carrington's ceasefire deal is not only a last chance for peace, but also a last chance for the leader of Croatia.

That, at any rate, was the reading of the situation yesterday by political analysts in Zagreb. It may go some way to explaining why President Milosevic of Serbia and the Yugoslav defence minister, Veljko Kladjevic, so readily agreed to the ceasefire proposed by Lord Carrington. The former foreign secretary could credibly threaten the deployment of an international peacekeeping force if the fighting continues; neither the Serbs nor the army would welcome foreign troops. But the Serbs and the Yugoslav army share a more powerful aim: to oust President Tudjman and thus clearly establish the Serbian victory over Croatia.

The Croatian president has put all his chips on the "internationalisation" of the crisis and has willingly signed any European Community brokered deal. Simply, the deeper the community becomes involved, the closer Croatia comes to de facto recognition as a separate state.

But this strategy has backfired, mainly because it has no coherent military component. Croatian critics of President Tudjman say he has mismanaged the military campaign at every stage. There is still no central Croatian military command, no strategic planning and no strategic reserves. The Serbs, by contrast, are coordinating constantly with Yugoslav army commanders.

Unlike the Slovenes, the Croatian national guard surrendered its weapons to the army last year and has entered the current fighting woefully under-equipped. President Tudjman ruled out a general mobilisation and has said all summer that the Croats should wage only a limited defensive war. The motive was to save lives and bring closer international recognition. If Croatia was clearly identified as the victim then the West would have to take over some of the responsibility for its defence. Croatia was to be Kuwait to Mr Milosevic's Iraq.

Croats complain, though, that the president has merely

shot his own foot. It was, for example, Croatian locomotives and engine drivers that pulled the Yugoslav military trains crammed full of equipment out of Slovenia into Bosnia. The same tanks and field guns were then used against Croats in Osijek and Vukovar.

On the ground Croat commanders either have to disobey President Tudjman or retreat. On his one visit to the front — and his only appearance in uniform — President Tudjman was surrounded by officers who complained about their lack of firepower. "Use fewer bullets," was the president's advice. As for his promise to Croats that the lost territory will be recaptured, few believe the president.

The shift this week to more offensive tactics — blockading the Yugoslav army barracks, as the Slovenes did from the outset of their eight-day war — has come too late and is anyway only a halfhearted concession to the Croatian radicals. The pressure on President Tudjman comes from his party, from right-wing nationalists and increasingly from centrists in the Sabor, the Croatian parliament. Only the former communists continue to argue that there is no alternative to President Tudjman and even they are having their doubts. It is only the fear of playing into the hands of the Serbs that has prevented a coup so far.

The discontent seems to be spreading from the periphery and the front line to the centre. In almost all the battle areas — in Slavonia, Banja and the Adriatic coasts — the local commanders now belong to the right wing of President Tudjman's HDZ party. They accuse the president of indecisiveness and of favouring the defence of Zagreb rather than the eastern and southern provinces of Croatia.

Their hero is Marcin Speglj, recently removed as defence minister by President Tudjman apparently following a dispute over the military offensive. If Lord Carrington's ceasefire fails, and if Europe cannot agree on the dispatch of an international peacekeeping force, then President Tudjman's days are numbered. The strategy of minimal resistance will have been discredited and the Croats will search for a war leader, perhaps General Speglj. This may well be what the Serbs are hoping for, since the Yugoslav army will have an excuse to fight on and press for a military solution.

Serbian tourists find a welcome

FROM EVE-ANN PRENTICE IN SVETI STEFAN, MONTENEGRO

A LITTLE local difficulty has this summer enabled upper-class Serbs to bask on beaches usually commandeered by Hollywood stars. Economic disaster threatened in June when almost all the hundreds of foreigners staying at the Sveti Stefan hotel complex on the Montenegrin coast, a luxurious converted fishing village, fled as Yugoslavia's civil war began.

For two weeks, the medieval resort was left to the gulls. Then landlocked Serbia came to the rescue. Since Croatia's resorts froze out the Serbs, Belgrade families turned south to find a warmer welcome from their soulmate-republic of Montenegro.

Princess Margaret, Liz Taylor and Sophia Loren are all past patrons of Sveti Stefan, but now the only signs of foreign glitterati are the fading signatures in the gold-embossed visitors' book. The £465 a night suite reserved for these VIPs remains empty. Even the most senior cadres from Belgrade cannot afford to rent the two-bedroomed, three-bathroomed villa.

When Sylvester Stallone dropped in by helicopter last year his bodyguards immediately seized one of the chefs, staff say. The heavies were taking no chances when he pulled a giant pencil from his apron to seek an autograph. It is just such jumpiness — now endemic in Yugoslavia — that the Serbs try to escape as they relax here. Ratko Mitrovic, the manager, says: "I'm afraid to go to Croatia because

of the road blocks. We have lost £100,000 this summer. All the foreigners were advised to go, and for a while we were deserted. Normally we are mostly booked by foreigners, but now the vast majority here are Serbs."

Cars with Belgrade licence plates line the roads, while sunbathers scan the Serbian press for news of the "atrocities" perpetrated against their ethnic brothers across the border in Croatia. Zoro, the son of a federal army officer said: "I normally go to Croatian resorts because they are more efficient and the service is better than in Montenegro. But now it is too dangerous for us, so we come here."

The two remaining stalwarts of the disintegrating Yugoslav federation have a common religion and outlook to cement their ties. Both are Orthodox republics, while Croatia is Catholic — and Montenegrins and Serbs often say they consider their peoples to be lazy but honest.

While Montenegro's resorts thrived on the sound of speed boats, and their beaches and bars are full of jostling holidaymakers, a tourist disaster is underway 60 miles north along a hauntingly beautiful coastline. As soon as you cross the once invisible border — now snaggled by a Croatian national guardpost — you enter a pathetic and morbid land of abandoned gaiety. Dubrovnik, one of Yugoslavia's main tourist resorts, has been left to its own devices.

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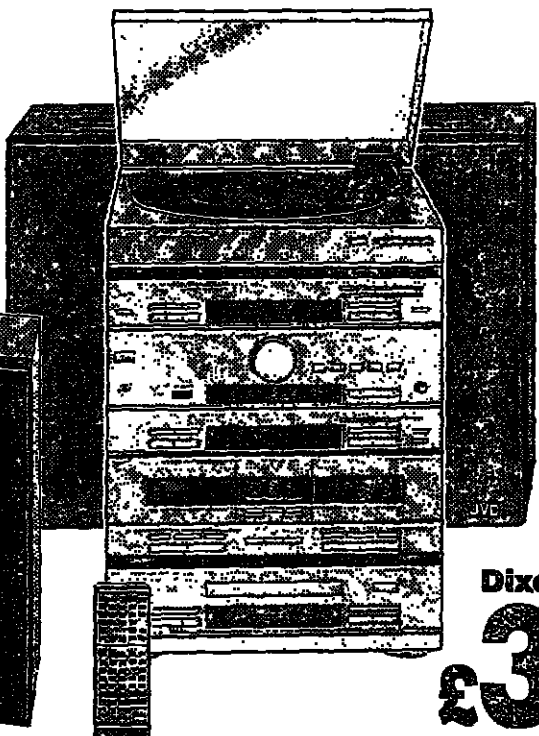


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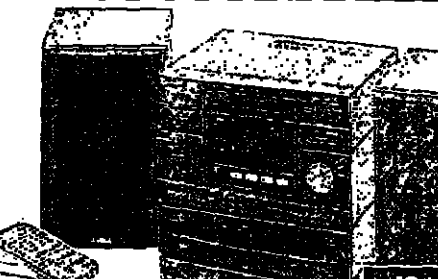
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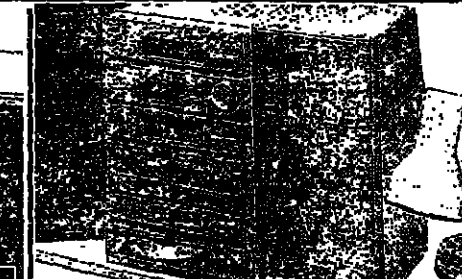


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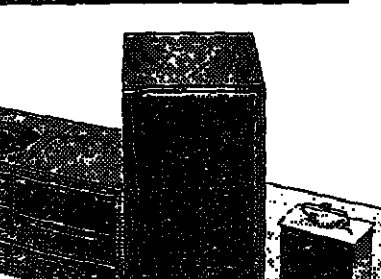
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Soviet Union begs for £8.67bn food aid to avoid famine

From TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS AND MICHAEL BINYON IN MOSCOW

THE European Community and the world's developed nations were yesterday presented with a bill of £8.67 billion by the Soviet Union to help it stave off famine this winter.

The demand confused the European Commission, which had believed the Soviet Union needed half that amount. But Yuri Luzhkov, the deputy Soviet prime minister, explained that last week's £4

billion groceries list was for the community only, and that he hoped the international community as a whole could now be asked to respond.

Mr Luzhkov was on route to London, where later yesterday he met John Major, who currently chairs the Group of Seven industrialised nations. This weekend EC finance ministers will meet in Apeldoorn, in The Netherlands, to discuss helping the

Soviet Union. A spokesman for Frans Andriessen, the community's external relations commissioner, said the commission's upper limit for food aid and credits would be about the £4 billion discussed last week, and agreed with Mr Luzhkov that any more would have to come from other nations. "This bill is going to have to be shared by our major trade partners, like the US and Japan," he said.

Mr Andriessen's spokesman said that the most likely way forward would be for the commission to provide credits to the Soviet Union with which it could buy food from its former Comecon trade partners, such as Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia. During his meeting with Mr Luzhkov, who heads the Soviet Union's committee for the uninterrupted management of the national economy, suggested the EC could give an immediate food credit of £1.1 billion from this year's budget, and then divide the remaining £2.9 billion into medium and long-term credits, repayable over the next five or ten years.

Mr Andriessen's spokesman said it was possible that individual EC nations could give more food aid through bilateral negotiations. But a British official said the government does not believe the Soviet Union faces such difficulties that additional action is necessary. "I don't want to sound callous, but we know that they can produce the food; it's just the distribution system that's a problem," the official said. He said the food should be given in the form of credits, not grants, because in the future the Soviet Union will have the ability to repay the Community. "In the long-term, with their vast resources, they have to be regarded as creditworthy."

President Gorbachev yesterday held talks with Nicholas Brady, the American Treasury secretary, and Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank, on ways to halt the decline of the Soviet economy, and won assurances that America was ready to supply emergency food aid. Mr Brady said the United States would be "responsive to those needs when they arrive". He said President Bush recognised the urgency of the problem. Mr Brady said he had had assurances that aid would be properly handled and distributed.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, making his first visit to the Soviet Union for three years, has flown to Kiev where he will join a group of former Western finance ministers advising the Ukraine how to privatise its economy, stabilise the currency and carry through other radical reforms.

Ship of Russia misses captain

From OUR CORRESPONDENT IN MOSCOW

RUSSIA's parliament began its autumn session yesterday with a long recital by officials of the instability and economic woes afflicting the republic, but without Boris Yeltsin. According to the acting chairman, Ruslan Khasbulatov, the Russian president was still "slightly ill" and had been ordered by doctors to take a second day off work.

Mr Yeltsin was said to be suffering a minor heart complaint. Mr Khasbulatov insisted, however, that the Russian leader expected to be fit enough to accompany Nursultan Nazarbayev, the president of Kazakhstan, on a joint peacemaking expedition to Nagorno-Karabakh at the weekend. The region has been the scene of guerrilla warfare for three years and President Gorbachev is preparing a new initiative to end the fighting.

Mr Yeltsin's absence threw the opening day of the parliamentary session into disarray, and prompted speculation that it was a deliberate move by the Russian leader to avoid possible confrontation. Mr Yeltsin has been subject to savage criticism over the past week by some influential deputies who believe he has exceeded the powers invested in him by parliament.

Yeltsin supporters insist that, with parliament in recess, he was compelled to take unusual powers during and after last month's coup, including the dismissal of local government chiefs who backed the coup and appointing the mayor of Moscow, Gavril Popov, his personal representative in the city.

With the Soviet central administration now impotent, powers are being disputed among the Russian Federation authorities, its regions and main cities, chief among them Moscow. When deputies arrived at the parliament building yesterday morning, they had to walk through a chanting crowd who were protesting about Mr Popov's actions. "Chameleon Popov,"



Lobov: a dry account of poor production figures

content with a dry account of declining production and revenue figures from Oleg Lobov, the deputy prime minister and lifetime apparatchik. He told the restless deputies that "so far" the situation in the republic had not stabilised, and that "production was in decline and so were living standards". He noted, however, that harvesting was proceeding better than at the same time last year.

In the gap left by the absent president and his report, Mr Khasbulatov tried to rally deputies to the cause of their republic. "We must be able to cope with the option of autonomy," he said, alluding to the possibility that the union might break up and Russia would have to go it alone.

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Land of jam and honey casts off Soviet yoke

From MARY DEJEVSKY IN BISHKEK, KIRGHIZIA

IF TIBET is the roof of the world, Kirghizia, in Soviet Central Asia, is tucked just under the northern eaves. Within the Soviet Union, it was regarded as a sleepy mountain fastness of heath, spring and a mysterious blue lake, the Issyk-kul, ringed by snow-capped peaks, from where last century's great Russian explorers set out to chart the wilds of Turkestan.

Now, the republic is shaking off Soviet domination, and the communists that accompanied it, with a will that leaves even the progressives of next-door Kazakhstan looking laggardly. Kirghiz are among the most distinctive of Soviet Asians, with the broadest of broad faces, high cheekbones and grey, crescent moons for eyes. Nomadic herdsmen in the last century, they still breed horses and cattle. Flocks of healthy sheep can be seen grazing on street corners in the lee of high-rise blocks. Left to themselves, the Kirghiz eat mountain honey — skewered lamb, honey and jam made from orange, mountain berries, cured sausage from horsemeat and fish from the lake.

But the Kirghiz have not been left to themselves. The republic's continuous chain of tragedies starts with the massacre of hundreds of thousands of Kirghiz during the anti-Russian uprising of 1916-17, and did not end



with the Stalinist purges of the local Kirghiz intelligentsia. The current president of Kirghizia, Askar Akayev, says that for 70 years the people of his republic went around "in grinning masks which concealed bitter tears".

For the past 12 months Kirghizia has called itself by its Turkic name, Kyrgyzstan. It dissolved its communist party (which was already in parliamentary opposition) only hours after

Torgunaly Topchubek, is proud that his particular party, the Democratic Party for a Free Kyrgyzstan, does not aspire to be a mass political force. "We are representatives of the elite, the entrepreneurs, and will never become a mass party."

Political parties are divided along ethnic as well as policy lines. The Slavs (around 35 per cent of the population) lean to the social democrats, the Kirghiz (around 50 per cent) to the National or Free Kyrgyzstan parties. Officials deny there is ethnic trouble between Kirghiz and Russians, but there is tension.

Bishkek is a dusty conglomeration of modern buildings in the monumental style. Single-storey houses belong mainly to Russians, many of whom do not want to go, but are reluctant to stay. Although there is rationing for sugar, tobacco, flour, vodka and matches, fresh food is cheaper and more plentiful in Bishkek than almost anywhere in Russia. Markets are more a way of life than an excuse for speculation.

But according to latest figures, the big, blond Russians are moving out — more than 70,000 in the first half of the year. There is a growing sense that Kirghizia is reverting to its natural state, and that does not include them.

Its co-chairman,



Designer delight: Francesca Dellera, star of *The Flesh*, Marco Ferreri's latest film, with Jean-Paul Gaultier, the French fashion designer, at the reopening of Les Bains-Douches, the Paris night club

Science cuts cause mortal offence

From PHILIP JACOBSON IN PARIS

AS A comfortably-off *boulangère* in Lyons, Gisèle Cosquerie believed she was making a worthwhile gesture when she signed a form donating her body to medical science. That was back in 1972; her offer was speedily processed, and Mme Cosquerie's bequest was duly acknowledged, with thanks, by the University of Lyons.

A couple of weeks ago, Mme

Cosquerie, aged 59, was rudely surprised to receive a letter, addressed "to whom it might concern", requesting 1,000 francs (about £100) to cover the eventual cost of collecting and transporting her mortal remains to hospital.

Were she to be as inconsiderate as to pass away outside a 63-mile radius from Lyons, her family would have to meet all extra charges. Mme

Cosquerie's feelings were not improved by the information that her family would have to fork out 2,000 francs more for the cost of cremation after researchers had removed whatever they required. Nor did the news that she could pay up in advance make her any happier.

Mme Cosquerie was on television here yesterday, a lady who looks as if she has

worked hard all her life and now feels badly let down. It is hardly her fault that the response to a campaign for the donation of bodies to science has been so successful, or that government funds made available to medical laboratories have been cut. She announced, with regret, that as far as she is concerned, the deal is off.

Barbie 'is dying of leukaemia'

Paris — Klaus Barbie, the "Butcher of Lyons" who, for his crimes as head of the Gestapo during the wartime occupation of France, was sentenced in 1987 to life imprisonment, is said to be dying of leukaemia (Philip Jacobson writes).

Maitre Jacques Vergès, his lawyer, accused the authorities of ignoring the illness.

Nato gives lead

Tokyo — Contacts with Nato would help Japan in its search for an enlarged security role, Manfred Wörner, the Nato secretary-general, said. Herr Wörner, who is the first head of the Western military alliance to visit Japan, said Tokyo's leaders had agreed to strengthen links with the organisation. (Reuters)

Spy rebuffed

Stockholm — Marcus Wolf, the former East German master spy, asked Swedish security police for asylum but was denied it, according to the newspaper *Expressen*. Herr Wolf, who has been living in Moscow since German unification, is wanted in Germany for espionage, treason and bribery. (AP)

Aerial combat

Rome — The Vatican has installed low-voltage electrical wires to stop pigeons flying over the entrance to St Peter's Basilica and damaging its marble with their droppings. Officials said the electric shocks the pigeons received did them no harm but forced them to bombard St Peter's Square instead. (Reuters)



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Iraq stalls on UN search demand as oil sale is approved

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

IRAQ kept the United Nations guessing yesterday in spite of American threats of renewed military action in the Gulf. Abdul Amir al-Anbari, the Iraqi ambassador to the UN, made the security council wait for a response to its demand that his government allow unrestricted use of UN helicopters in the search for hidden weaponry on its territory.

Jean-Bernard Merimée, the French ambassador and current council president, said: "I have not yet got any answer from the Iraqi authorities, but I hope to get it today or early tomorrow."

He based his hope on contacts with Dr al-Anbari, but cautioned he had no clue about the substance of the expected Iraqi response.

The security council has demanded that Iraq allow UN inspectors unrestricted use of three German helicopters in their work. The United States, Britain and France are considering a plan to provide military escorts to the UN helicopters if Iraq fails to agree.

Iraq's last message to the council, on Monday, imposed stringent conditions on the helicopters' use, including a

two-week time limit, geographic restrictions and a ban on aerial photography. Despite Iraq's lack of co-operation, the security council yesterday voted to open Iraq's oil taps for the first time since the invasion of Kuwait.

The 15-nation council voted 13-1, with Cuba against and Yemen abstaining, in favour of a resolution instituting a UN plan to monitor the oil sales and the distribution of humanitarian aid bought with the proceeds.

Sir David Hannay, the British ambassador to the UN, justified the decision to approve the oil sale, despite Iraq's lack of co-operation, by telling the council it was wrong to mix humanitarian aid and politics. "This council has never had any quarrel with the people of Iraq, who have suffered greatly from the misguided schemes of their leaders, and continue to suffer."

Dr al-Anbari, criticised the stringent controls the security council imposed on the oil sales, which include the creation of a special UN bank account in which the money raised must be deposited. "Some members of the security council, even in emergency conditions, wish to maintain a suffocating grip on Iraq; indeed their control of its fate," said Dr al-Anbari.

The resolution envisages the sale of \$1.6 billion (£940 million) of Iraqi oil over the next six months to raise money for essential humanitarian imports, considerably less than the \$2.5 billion recommended by the UN secretary-general. About a third of the total will go towards payment of war claims against Iraq and finance various UN operations fulfilling the terms of the Gulf war ceasefire.

The oil will be sold in three tranches of equal size. Within days, Iraq could start shipping oil through its pipeline across Turkey, but the country has yet to commit itself to making any sales under security council conditions.

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Saddam 'seeks to drive out Kurds'

By HAZRIL TEIMOURIAN

A KURDISH leader yesterday accused President Saddam Hussein of planning to cause another Kurdish refugee exodus if allied air forces bombed his nuclear research sites. He added that the Iraqi leader was determined to acquire a nuclear weapons capacity at almost any cost to the people of Iraq.

Jalal Talabani, one of the two main leaders of the Kurds, was in London for talks with the Foreign Office before going to Washington for a week of meetings with State Department officials. He held talks with the Turkish government on his way to London.

"Over the past month alone Saddam has sent some 150,000 troops and 700 tanks to surround the city of Kirkuk and he is claiming that a whole number of other Kurdish towns and districts are Arab," he said. Mr Talabani said the sending of fresh troops to Kurdistan had a secondary purpose: Saddam wanted to keep the army away from the capital, such was the extent of the military's unhappiness with what had befallen Iraq as a result of his policies.

He said about 2lb of meat in

Baghdad now cost a fifth of the monthly wage of an average civil servant. Recently two army brigades of about 4,500 troops had surrendered to several hundred Kurdish guerrillas in the districts of Koi, Taqtaq and Haidar Sul-tan almost without offering any resistance.

Mr Talabani denied that a serious rift existed between himself and Masoud Barzani, the other important Kurdish leader in Iraq, over the issue of Baghdad's proposed autonomy package for the Kurds. "We have now agreed among ourselves over the minimum demands of our people and have sent our proposals to Baghdad."

"But obviously Saddam is not interested. He wants to subject all political parties to the whims of the Baath party, and he wants us to cut all our contacts with the outside world, so that if he launches new chemical attacks on us we could not complain to anyone. He is not even allowing the United Nations to open an office for refugees in Kirkuk to encourage people to return to their homes there," Mr Talabani added.



First-hand assessment: General Norman Schwarzkopf, the Gulf allied commander, waves before giving a lecture in Dallas at Southern Methodist University. He doubted whether America and Iraq would engage in further military conflict

Ancestral defiance bolsters Shamir

James Baker found the modern Jews as determined as their forebears, Richard Beeston, in Jerusalem, writes

ORDERING the mass suicide of his followers, as the rebel chief Eleazar did the 960 besieged Jews at Masada in AD 74, his determination to defy President Bush in the week-old dispute with the White House is the sort of stubborn defiance which would have made his ancestors proud.

Yesterday Mr Shamir and his hardline cabinet colleagues showed no signs of conciliation in the row over \$10 billion (£5.8 billion) in US loan guarantees to absorb Soviet immigrants, or any inclination to accept a six-point compromise offered by President Bush. Speaking to visiting American congressmen, the Israeli leader said that Washington should remain objective and desist from backing one side in the Arab-Israeli conflict. "There is euphoria in the Arab world because of the perception that the US is on their side," he said. "This will not help advance the peace process, it will hinder it."

Mr Bush has insisted that he will veto the guarantees unless they are delayed until after the opening of next month's proposed Middle East peace conference, and Mr Baker has since hinted that no loans, not even the annual economic aid of \$1.2 billion for Israel, will be forthcoming as long as the Jewish state continues to encourage the settlement of Jews in Arab lands occupied during the 1967 Six-Day war. The row, which under normal conditions could be dismissed as a friendly squabble between two of the world's closest allies, has snowballed into an all-out political battle which has thrown into doubt the future of the peace process and Mr Shamir's current right-wing coalition government. Abba Eban, the former Israeli foreign minister, has called the dispute the most damaging in Israel's relations with America, worse even than the ultimatum delivered to Ben Gurion by Eisenhower in 1956 demanding the withdrawal of Israeli forces from Sinai during the Suez conflict.

Yossi Ben Aharon, the prime minister's chief of staff, insisted that Jews would continue to be settled in the West Bank and Gaza Strip even if it meant a cut off of aid. "It is unthinkable that Israel will prevent Jews from settling in those territories," he said.

As though to emphasise the defiant stand, it emerged that Mr Shamir, Moshe Arens, the defence minister, and Ariel Sharon, the hardline housing minister, will all attend the establishment of the demarcation line separating Israel from the West Bank of a new settlement called Tzur-Yigal next week.

Quite how far the Israeli leadership is prepared to stand its ground in order to absorb hundreds of thousands of new immigrants in the face of crippling economic costs is not clear. But certainly the more than 100,000 settlers themselves are in little doubt of the course open to them. "No tricks and no bargaining will extract us from the mud," Yisrael Harel, the chairman of the council of settlers in the territories wrote yesterday in the *Jerusalem Post*.

Mitterrand defiant on cash union

FROM IAN MURRAY IN BONN

THERE was no need for the economies of European Community countries to converge before "embarking on the adventure" of European monetary union, President Mitterrand said in Berlin yesterday. "We should not make convergence a precondition, but a goal," he said.

The French president, who is on a state visit to Germany, showed he was worried that the Bundesbank was trying to hold up agreement on monetary union, which is due to be signed at the EC summit in Maastricht in December. Hans Tietmeyer, the independent central bank's deputy president, told a Bundestag committee this week that there had to be much greater economic convergence between the member states before monetary union.

"History doesn't wait for differences to be sorted out. There has to be a ripening process," he said. "The treaties must be completed at Maastricht so that they can be ratified in 1992 and come into force at the beginning of 1993." This was a tight timetable, he said, and it was important to keep to it.

President Mitterrand said he was not opposed to widening the community to the east. He called for a report to be drawn up before 1993 on each country which wanted to establish ties with the EC.

● The Hague: The Dutch cabinet will meet today in an attempt to resolve a new version of the treaty on European political union which is due to be signed at the Maastricht summit.

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Expressing himself: detail from *The Scream*, one of Edvard Munch's paintings so popular in Japan

Japanese rescue Norwegian art

FROM TONY SAMSTAG IN OSLO

EDVARD Munch, the great expressionist artist and arguably the most famous Norwegian since Viking times, left his enormous collection of work to the city of Oslo on the condition that a museum was built to house it. That was nearly 50 years ago, but the modest little museum has since fallen on hard times in spite of its status as Oslo's top tourist attraction.

In recent years, a series of financial crises and scandals in the capital's corrupt municipal government has had a crippling effect on budgets, with funds for culture dwindling to near vanishing point. With barely enough money to keep open, the museum has deteriorated. Damp has penetrated the building, damaging some works, and poor security has led to several thefts.

But now help has arrived from a most unlikely quarter: a Japanese oil company. Idemitsu Kosan, has donated a staggering £5 million to the museum. The money is more than enough to repair the building and any surplus will be spent on refinancing and expansion. In return, the benefactors will have the right during the next 15 years to show a number of works at their own well-regarded art museum in Tokyo. But mainly, Idemitsu Kosan says, the point is to express appreciation for an artist who is widely popular in Japan.

Typically, there is now a great deal of embarrassment that Norway, one of the richest countries in the world, should have been unable to keep this particular house in order without help from outsiders.

Rushdie prize 'affects hostages'

Beirut - The Bekaa Valley may be a long way from Hampstead but Shia zealots keep a close eye on London's literary scene. This was underlined by a statement here yesterday that Salman Rushdie's conduct may affect the release of a hostage (Adam Kellner writes).

Hussein Musawi, the leader of the Amal Islamic group, told reporters that the pro-Iranian Hezbollah was investigating the recent granting of a literary award to the British writer. Mr Rushdie, who remains in hiding because the late Ayatollah Khomeini accused him of blaspheming Islam in his book *The Satanic Verses*, in 1989, received a prize in London last Sunday for his children's novel, *Haroun and the Sea of Stories*.

Mr Musawi, one of the more outspoken leaders of Hezbollah, the umbrella organisation to which the kidnappers are believed to belong, told reporters in Baalbek that a decision would have to be made on whether the award was political.

Aids test plan

Atlanta - American health officials have proposed that all hospital patients be tested for Aids. The recommendation is in a draft report sent by the federal Centers for Disease Control to health experts for comment. If adopted, the policy would not be binding but would serve as guidance for doctors and hospitals. (AP)

Back to Macau

Canberra - Australia has sent back to Macau 11 illegal immigrants who arrived off Darwin in March, the first from the Portuguese-governed territory which is due to revert to Chinese rule in 1999, officials said. A pregnant woman and her two children will be sent back after the birth. (Reuters)

Farmers' anger

Moscow - Hundreds of Belgian farmers, some armed with axes, clashed with police here after attacking three lorries at an abattoir and releasing dozens of live cattle on to the streets of this town near the French border, police said. According to a Belgian radio report, the cattle came from eastern Europe. (Reuters)

Rail strike

Paris - A 36-hour strike by French train drivers left commuters stranded and caused chaos on motorways around Paris. Four rail unions called the stoppage to back a pay claim by 20,000 drivers and to protest against planned job cuts. Only one commuter train in four was running in Marseilles. (Reuters)

Afghan attack

Islamabad - Mujahedin rebel forces pounded Gardez, President Najibullah's home town, with artillery fire, ignoring political efforts being made to end the protracted war in the country. Rebel sources here said the bombardment was meant to soften up the town's defences before an all-out assault. (Reuters)

Aquino retreats

Manila - President Aquino backed away from a confrontation with the Philippines Senate over American forces there, saying she would abandon her plan for a referendum if it failed to win public support. Mrs Aquino is facing mounting opposition to her efforts to keep an American military presence. (Reuters)

Fever epidemic

Delhi - Black fever is sweeping eastern India and has killed at least 10,000 people this year, according to reports. The disease, spread by sand flies, is threatening to engulf Bihar province and spill into Uttar Pradesh and Nepal. The Bihar authorities fears that by 1993 half a million people could die of the fever. (AFP)

Road sense

San Diego - A reinforcement system to enable bridges to withstand earthquakes has been tested successfully and could be fitted on more than 1,000 bridges in California, state transport officials said. It was announced as three small earthquakes struck central California. No damage or injuries were caused. (AFP)

Throne apart

Copenhagen - Queen Margrethe's staff have complained to the Human Rights Commission in Strasbourg because the Danish monarch is refusing them a formal pay agreement. Their lawyer said: "They don't want wages and working conditions to be fixed arbitrarily as if we were still in the Middle Ages." (Reuters)

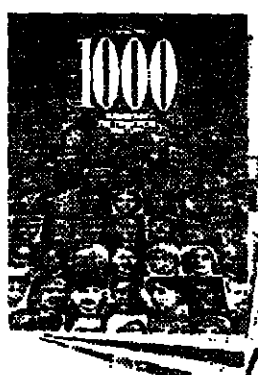
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Sweet, bossy or useful — a grandmother faces a confusion of roles. Libby Purves reports

Up for the Granny rewards

Germaine Greer may have reclaimed the menopause, but British feminism has yet to get round to the subject of grandmotherhood. In an age when women in their fifties square their shoulders in executive suits and stride around pretending to be 30, the word itself is a source of faint embarrassment. Poor granny: either she is a reluctant figure of fun — glamorous gran, mutton dressed as lamb — or a greyish traditional figure of airy tale coyness. Even Mrs Thatcher was poleaxed by the shock of becoming one: it left her not knowing whether she was singular or plural.

Nell Dunn, the author of *Grandmothers* (published on September 28 by Catto & Windus), was rather touched by the former prime minister's gaffe. "We are a grandmother!" she thinks it was "Sweet. It's such a big event. It does absolutely take you back in a way you don't expect."

She found it so powerful a sensation that, just before her own grandson Cato was born, she embarked on a two-year project of talking to grandmothers about their feelings in an attempt to make some sense of the conflicting patterns of love and jealousy, exaltation and dismay. Women run a marvellous kind of mafia where information circulates instead of heroin or gold. I wanted to tap in to the grandmothers' mafia," Hermaffosi do not include Mrs Thatcher, though, nor any other big-profile granny. Of the 13 women in her book, 12 are friends and one is her own co-grandmother. "I felt that one could talk more freely and get more truth that way. And I hadn't meant to put in my own experience at all but in the end I had to because I felt that if I was asking them to be so honest, I ought to be as well."

Fortunately, her friends are a socially eclectic bunch, from the sophisticated Susie ("Remember, if you're ever in Paris, the children's clothes are miles smaller because French children are midgets") to Chrissie the school cleaner, who cooks a meal for her two grandchildren every day. "And by the time I've lifted the kids up two flights of stairs, and done a bit of lunch for them, sometime I don't have time to make myself a cup of tea till three o'clock in the afternoon."

Ms Dunn's strength lies in being an utterly uncritical, always interested listener. She drops in observations of her own, but exercises what in many writers would be iron self-control: not even when her grandmothers are clearly dominating and harassing their daughters-in-law or nurturing 40-year-old theories about early weaning does she ever

criticise them. "Well, that's how I experience my friends," she says apologetically. "What I love is learning what happens to them and how they feel. I am genuinely puzzled by life, and I have a strong sense of incompetence."

At first, she says, her son and daughter-in-law had to persuade her to look after baby Cato alone, so incompetent did she feel: even now she finds herself bewildered by some of the odd situations into which a two-year-old can precipitate a woman. "We were going through a carwash the other day, and he was very excited about it, but just as we got to the entrance he began to scream and cling and say, 'No, Granny Nell, no!'. I had to make a whole series of cars reverse into the Fulham Road, comforting him, trying to explain to everyone what had happened, and thinking: 'I'm not up to this at 55.'"

At the birth she told herself: "Don't expect any feelings, don't expect to be happy, just get on with being useful." But she felt "quite lost. I wasn't the mother of the child... I had to get used to being a grandmother and not the little princess in the bed with the little prince, as I had been when his father was born. Instead, there I was with sleeves rolled up, being useful."

A grandmother, she observes, is much lower down in the power scale than her own son or daughter, and it can be a shock. "There is a sadness about it. You are further from the centre of life and nearer to death."

But, given any weakness or incompetence in the mother, natural bossiness reassures itself. As Diana, a writer, remarks, "It isn't that women become more bossy as they get older, it's just that when they're younger and hoping to be attractive to men they suppress all that bossiness, and then, when they stop bothering, it all comes out."

Bossiest of the lot is Joy, married at 16 and a mother at 17, living in a dilapidated council flat and taking a firm line with Sharon, her son's feckless girlfriend. "Yesterday morning I go in there, and she's in her nightgown again, and I say, 'Why aren't you dressed at 12 o'clock?' Scruffy as arseholes, she is." Baby Wayne has her total devotion and approval, although not always of his clothes. "No way will I have anything discoloured on my baby... He hasn't got a lot of hair, but what he has got I'm going to train it from a little baby so he's got curly hair." One can just see poor Sharon pouting in the background. Every granny is also, never forget it, a mother-in-law.

"There were some bits in the interviews about the difficulties involved in getting on with the



"We are a grandmother!": the new role once famously threw Mrs Thatcher into verbal confusion

parents," Ms Dunn says. "But I cut most of it out in the end. It was too negative and damaging. I wanted to stress the love and the enjoyment." In less delicate matters, the voicing of negative feelings is clearly therapeutic. Ms Dunn writes about days of baby care when "I feel bleak", the bleakness of "This is boring. I've done enough of this". And after a glowing account of an ideal matriarchal ménage in which mother, daughter and grand-daughter live together, she suddenly breaks out to Diana, the grandmother: "I envy you living with Katie and yet, bloody hell, you've been cleaning the crumbs off the kitchen table for 25 years."

To which Diana replies: "Thirty-five years!" Even dauntless Joy descends from sublime bossiness to plain fed-up: after the second grandchild, she says: "I'd like her to be a

ballet dancer and for him to play the guitar. I want to be a real grandmother and always have time for them, but sometimes you can't be bothered."

The mafia feeling among these grannies is very useful, the author says. "Grannies of my generation have to cope with feelings like jealousy of the mother, moving sideways, getting humble, and you don't have to be alone. Telling another granny you're jealous gets you over that giant leap in your life, and then you can enjoy it."

Imminent grandmothers reading the book will certainly be cheered by the amount of pleasure — in unexpected directions — that their peers have found. Ms Dunn has become able to sit all afternoon round a paddling-pool with-out the fume and fret of the professional, achieving younger woman forced to slow to baby pace. "There is a casting off of

power, you are not so absolutely essential as you were when you were a mother with young children. Yet there is also... the sheer delight of having a child in your life again."

But, as with all rites of passage, perhaps we take it too seriously. There is a wonderful exchange with Louise, a painter, lying beside the Kennet and Avon canal. Ms Dunn says: "I think now that I'm a granny I have to be patient and loving and decent and calm, and I mustn't lose my temper or freak out and sit with my head in my hands wishing I was dead. I must now be a fountain of wisdom. The problem is I don't feel like a trickle of wisdom, let alone a fountain."

To which Louise replies: "Why can't you be stumpy? Remember, first you're Nell and then you're Granny. All grannies are people. Being a granny is just a situation they've got themselves into."

The desperate need to know

Why nothing but the whole truth can initiate the healing process of grief

Today, as he has done for the past three months, Alistair Bell, an estate agent, will imagine what might have happened during two missing hours in his wife's life: the hours between 8.30am when Penny kissed him goodbye and 10.30am when she was found stabbed to death in a car-park in west London.

"Those two hours are constantly in my mind," he says. "I go over them again and again in so many different ways. I have this desperate need to know exactly what happened. I do not believe anything in reality can be worse than my imaginings."

There is no need to explain to Mr Bell the emotions which this week drove the families of the British servicemen killed by American "friendly fire" during the Gulf war to seek an explanation from President Bush himself, which led the bereaved to Lockerbie, Hillsborough and Zeebrugge to plead for any information, good or bad, about the final moments of their loved ones; which brought police teams back to Saddleworth to search again for bodies more than a quarter of a century after the Moors murders.

The truth may not set such people free, but it does seem that without it they cannot begin to pick up the threads of their lives.

Peter Hodgkinson, the co-director of the Centre for Crisis Psychology in Yorkshire, which helps sufferers, says: "Grieving is an active process, but you cannot start it until you know. If you cannot start, you remain in a depressed limbo. How can you feel fully when you do not know what you are feeling about?"

Mr Hodgkinson and other experts are familiar with what he calls the "questioning syndrome", which is common in cases of violent death or disaster and which he says is "never-ending, one question following another. Only when you find out what happened can you shut it down."

He recalls the mother of a Zeebrugge victim who, having been advised not to see her son's body, became convinced the corpse must have been unrecognisable and therefore, perhaps, not that of her son at all. Even evidence at the inquest only prompted further suppositions. Eventually she asked to see photographs of his body.

"She immediately said, 'That's my boy', put her finger to her lips, touched it to the photograph and handed it back to me," Mr Hodgkinson says.

Dr James Thompson, a senior lecturer in psychology at the University of London, who has also worked with such families, says: "The essential thing is that once you have the facts, even though they may be appalling, you reduce your uncertainty. If you don't, you are always open to any new thing anyone might tell you."

Or, if you do not know anything at all, you make it up. You will believe any rumour or will be prey to dreadful fantasies." Once you know what happened, you still have to cope with it, but you are less susceptible.

The need to know is, however, not universal. In general health care, say, there are always those who prefer to draw a veil. And, after the Bradford football stadium fire, Mr Hodgkinson says some relatives had curious images of fire as a purifying agent, and pictured its victims as somehow transfigured but still perfect.

Both he and Dr Thompson believe relatives should have a right to see bodies or photographs and be offered whatever information they need. "People tend to be discouraged from it," Mr Hodgkinson says. "They are told, 'Better to remember him as he was'. But where a death is unexpected or unexplained, a relative might need transitional images, a way of working through their last image of that person hale and hearty to someone still and lifeless."

But most people want to know the circumstances and manner of a loved one's death as well as, Mr Hodgkinson says, anything that would give it a sense of meaning, such as a victim's selfless or heroic behaviour. Others seek a full explanation of why it happened and who should be held responsible.

A study by Dr Thompson and his team showed high levels of anger and blame focused, even many years later, on those believed to be responsible. "I do not harbour feelings of violence towards my wife's killer," Mr Bell says, "but I do want to tell him about the pain he has caused myself and our children, that he has scarred our lives forever. I want to know why someone committed such a dreadful crime."

"My wife and I always communicated so openly, so it is terrible for this vital portion of her life to be missing. I do not believe it contains anything scandalous, but, hypothetically, I would still rather know the truth. Knowing what happened and why would be the last piece of the jigsaw."

Families such as Mrs Bell's are in the worst situation, Mr Hodgkinson says. "You can help them to talk out some of the ideas that are whirling round in their brains, you can construct the most likely outcome, but you cannot really put it all to rest forever."

Dr Thompson says that where the mourners lack both a body and an explanation, it is sometimes helpful to create a monument to the dead, perhaps a book of remembrance where "you collect everything about their lives. It is long and painful, but it has been found to be helpful."

LIZ GILL

A committal offence

The two-parent family is no benefit when the father fails his child

The number of children born out of wedlock is rising eight times faster than births within marriage and, according to a survey by *She* magazine, a majority of people do not think parents should stay together for the sake of their children.

Part of the problem, for those anxious to provide a society in which children can grow up to become responsible citizens, is the confusion surrounding "single" parents, a group which includes the divorced, the separated and the widowed as well as single women, many of whom cohabit. It is a rich source of material for Humphry Dumpty think. "When I use a word it means just what I choose it to mean — neither more nor less."

The real issue is one of good or indifferent parenting. Professor Norman Dennis, a reader of social science at Newcastle University, goes further: he highlights the important role of the father in a comparison of the effect on children of a "committed" or "uncommitted" male parent.

At an Institute of Economic Affairs (IEA) seminar this summer, Professor Dennis presented two draft chapters of "The Family and the Free Market", a study which the institute had commissioned. One of the chapters is based on a survey of a random sample of 264 babies and their fathers in Newcastle between 1947 and 1980. Various categories of father were defined, from the committed, "one who is effective, kind, and considerate, participates in domestic tasks, is an adequate provider, and is competent" to the uncommitted, "publicly absent, either completely or sporadically, offers poor physical and domestic care of his child, makes little contribution to domestic activities,

and is seldom competent and caring". Families were then classed on a sliding scale from non-deprived to multi-deprived. Fifty three per cent of the fathers in non-deprived families were regarded as committed, compared with only 7 per cent of fathers in multi-deprived families.

Professor Dennis's work was presented to the IEA seminar by Professor A.H. Halsey, the social scientist. It was on this occasion that Professor Halsey, a fellow of Nuffield College, Oxford, made his now well-known pronouncement on the disadvantages suffered by the children of single parents. He said: "Such children, on the evidence available, tend to die earlier, to have more illness, to do less well at school, to exist at a lower level of nutrition, to suffer more unemployment, to be more prone to deviance and crime and finally to repeat

the cycle of unstable parenting."

Professor Halsey later conceded that he was not talking about all single parents and their children. "But I am afraid the evidence is overwhelming that the average single parent family is causing serious social, economic and moral problems."

Dennis's own evidence on lower educational attainment seems to suggest that children who live with an "incompetent and uncaring" father are the most disadvantaged. His study notes: "The lowest scores were obtained by children of non-committed fathers who were living with their natural parents."

Most illegitimate babies in this country begin their lives with their mother and father. In 1990, 53 per cent of the 200,000 born were registered by both parents living at the same address. 19.6 per cent were registered by both parents living at different addresses and 27.4 per cent were registered by just one parent.

According to Professor Jonathan Bradshaw, of the department of social policy and social work at York University, whose survey, "Lone Parent Families in the UK" was published by the social security department in May, the median length of time children remain in a lone parent household is just over two years.

Even Professor Halsey seems to feel that sweeping statements about single parents are unwise. "It doesn't matter if a father is absent, he can still be a good father if he is committed," he said. "What I argue is that the traditional family system offers the best chance to equip children for their own eventual adult responsibilities."

HEATHER KIRBY

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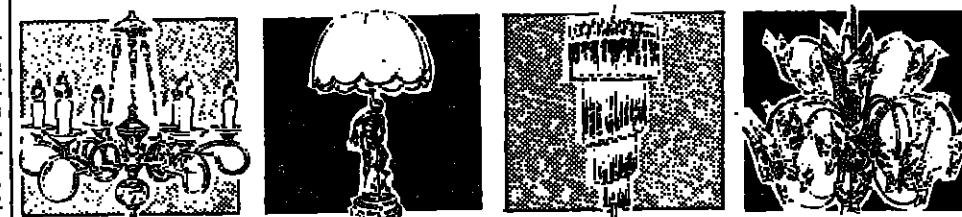
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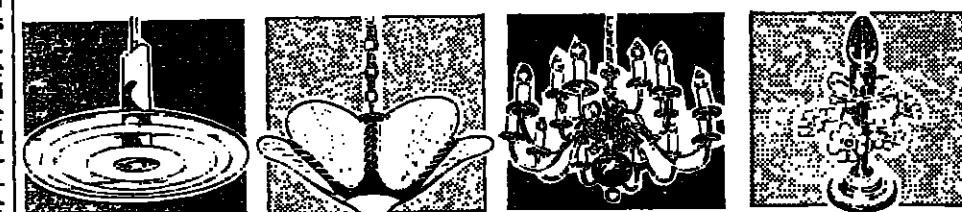
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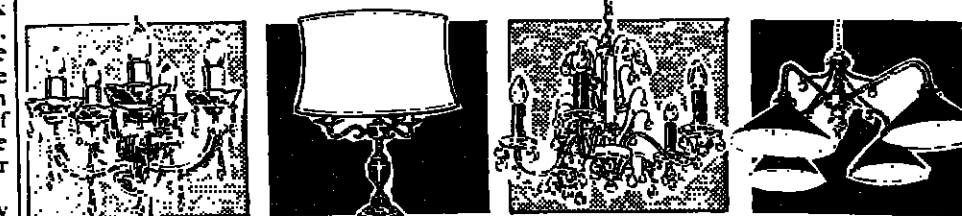
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GALLERIES: JAPANESE ART

Rising sons, new horizons

There was some confusion about when the Japan Festival actually started. A scatter of shows, such as the Barbican's "Beyond Japan", up and down the country did not seem to amount to much. But now there cannot be any doubt: this week's media barrage must have made even hermits aware that something vast is happening.

Unfortunately, the show that has received most notice, royal and otherwise, turns out to be one of the least interesting, and certainly the one which least successfully indicates the novelty of the festival's approach. For one thing, it is not so long since the Victoria and Albert Museum, venue of Visions of Japan, last staged a Japanese show: one which was designed to demonstrate much the same things about the ability of the Japanese to take things lightly and laugh at themselves. This time the visions are co-ordinated by the celebrated Japanese architect Arata Isozaki, and take in such local passions as massage chairs, computer games, machines vending anything, and soundproof karaoke booths.

But what does it amount to? Clearly it testifies to advanced technology, if rather erratic psychology. The same is true of the other two, relatively empty, rooms which flank the home of Godzilla: the first re-creates aspects of traditional Japanese art and religion by way of holograms and computer-controlled mechanisms; the third is entirely given over to an astonishing multi-image presentation designed to evoke the sights and sounds of the modern city. The drawback is that visitors will probably expect that this is a museum exhibition; actually, it is a kind of Japanese pavilion in some notional world's fair.

If accepted western stereotypes are to be shaken up — that, presumably, is one of the festival's main aims — there are more interesting areas in which the shaking-up should occur. Fine art is one of them. Insofar as westerners have any idea of what has been

John Russell Taylor explores the vast and stimulating mixture of bizarre, bold and beautiful visual art that has been assembled in London galleries for the Japan Festival

appearing in Japanese art this century, it is probably discouraging. Shows such as "Le Japon des avant-gardes" at the Pompidou Centre a few years ago fostered the notion of the "clever" Japanese, able to imitate anything. That is by no means the whole story.

Anybody seeking evidence of what is really going on is well catered for in new London shows. A New Wave (Barbican Concourse Gallery) makes an excellent start with contemporary Japanese oil painting. Oils, of course, are not an indigenous medium, and that might mean that Japanese artists working in oils are inevitably westernising, if not completely westernised. Some of it would indeed be difficult to identify as Japanese. How might one guess, with no clues, the nationality of the romantic symbolist Hiroshi Okutani, or the author of Akiko Endo's neo-Piranesian Street, or of Tadao Tanaka's biblical scenes, suggestive at once of Rouault and of stained glass? But these are excellent painters, and would surely be noticed in any context.

Others, though, immediately register as Japanese, such as Koichiro Wakamatsu with his calligraphic abstracts or Takumi Akino with his exquisite plays on the effect of abrasion in classic-styled paintings on a gold ground. And there are many in between, like Keijiro Hayashi, possibly the most striking painter of them all, whose delicate patterns of wind

and water start to look Japanese as soon as you know they are.

The important thing about the show is that none of this really matters. This is a vivid document of artistic diversity as well as artistic vitality. It is not slavish imitation we are watching, but an exciting interplay of cultures.

The same could be said of two artists who have individual shows in London at the moment: Katsura Funakoshi at Annely Juda and Tsugumi Ota at Jill George. Funakoshi carves human figures in wood, and colours the result. They are clothed, approximately life-size, and look like portraits. Apparently few are: they are mostly imaginary. Funakoshi first hit Europe in 1988 as one of three workers in wood in the Japanese Pavilion at the Venice Biennale. In that context he looked Japanese. Here he does not, though he does use campbor wood, a traditional Japanese sculptural material. It is also true that, in his treatment of the inset eyes, his technique harks back to the Kamakura sculptures of the 12th century. The fusion is complete and seamless: Funakoshi is a world artist, not merely Japanese.

Tsugumi Ota is in a similar position, though as yet on a less imposing level. She works in two media: woodblock prints and sculpture. The prints, which are large and in black-and-white, do look vaguely Japanese in composition and in some details of

subject. On the other hand, they could as readily be compared with German Expressionist prints. The sculptures look completely European when, like the *Mother and Child*, they are in white marble. But in other materials, such as the travertine marble of *Primitive Horse*, there is a touch of the Japanese in the way the mane is indicated, like the exquisitely combed surface of a sand garden. Ota lives in the West, and apparently feels little need to define her artistic allegiance.

Anybody who is primarily interested in classic Japanese art (pre-1900, at least) must wait a while for it to take its place in the London festival, though the British Museum's Kamakura is already here. Under Chinese influence, as well as influences from as far afield as India, Buddhist sculptures in the 12th century brought about a renaissance in Japanese sculpture with their technically intricate and often, in effect, stunningly simple figures. Some of those in the BM show are of mythical characters; others, like the portrait of the Shogun Minamoto Yoritomo or the priest Doshu Rishi, are staggeringly realistic in every sense of the term. They certainly make one think again before being too categorical about the western affiliations of Funakoshi.

Visions of Japan, Victoria and Albert Museum, Cromwell Road, SW7 (071-938 8361), Mon-Sat 10am-5.50pm, Sun 2.30-5.50pm, to Jan 5.
A New Wave, Concourse Gallery, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-382 4141), Daily 12-7.30pm, to Oct 8.
Katsura Funakoshi, Annely Juda Fine Art, 23 Dering Street, W1 (071-629 7578), Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-1pm, to Oct 12.
Tsugumi Ota, Jill George Gallery, 38 Lexington Street, W1 (071 439 7343), Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 11am-4pm, to Oct 4.
Kamakura, British Museum, Great Russell Street, WC1 (071-636 1555), Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, Sun 2.30-6pm, to Nov 24.



Oil with western influence: Self-portrait by Hiroshi Okutani, in the Barbican's "New Wave" show

GIVING free rein to a sufficiently "bad attitude" has always been a straightforward route to rock 'n' roll notoriety — does anybody remember Hanoi Rocks? — but it takes more than an armful of tattoos and a few vandalised hotel rooms to sell over 16 million copies of a debut album and induce 72,000 people to pay to watch a show at Wembley Stadium.

Guns N' Roses plainly have considerable talent at their disposal but, along with their

RECORDS: ROCK

Too much, too late

Guns N' Roses: Use Your Illusion I, II (Geffen 24415/20)

big mouths and chipped shoulders, they have an Achilles heel in the shape of an inability to recognise their limitations.

Having spent a leisurely four years assembling and recording material for *Use*

into two separate parts).

Both the collections are peppered with flashes of brilliance at the extremes but get bogged down with a lot of sludge in the middle ground. Full-blown rockers such as "Coma", "Garden of Eden" and "Double Talkin' Jive" resound with a driven, manic energy, while the best moments are provided by several reflective ballads, in particular the new single, titled "Don't Cry", and the acoustic, blues-tinted "You Ain't the First".

Less inspired are the pseudo-metal versions of McCartney's "Live and Let Die" and Dylan's "Knocking on Heaven's Door". Then there are the routinely offensive put downs — "Back off Bitch", "Pretty Tied Up" — and bringing up the rear a whole slew of inbetween stuff, such as the lazy "Dust and Bones" and the unimaginative "Shotgun Blues", which should either have been tightened up or discarded.

And now that Dire Straits are back in circulation, the "most dangerous band in the world" will have to forgo the satisfaction of topping the British charts. This is an unfortunate case of too much, too late.

DAVID SINCLAIR

ROCK NEWS

● Singer Shane MacGowan has left The Pogues because of "ill health". He is to be replaced for the remainder of the group's current world tour by Joe Strummer, formerly of The Clash and producer of The Pogues' *Hell's Ditch* album.

● The Pet Shop Boys play at a special party at Heaven, London WC2 (071-839 3852) on October 15 to tie in with the charity premiere of Derek Jarman's *Edward II* at the Curzon West End, London W1 (071-439 4805). Tickets £30, by post only. Send cheque and S.A.E. to from Edward II/Aids Research Benefit, BM-Pure, London WC1N 3XQ.

● Eric Clapton has announced dates for 1992: Brighton Centre (0273 202681) Feb 1; National Indoor Arena, Birmingham (021-200 2202) Feb 3; Sheffield Arena (0742 735295) Feb 7; Royal Albert Hall, London SW7 (071-589 8212) Feb 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28; SEC, Glasgow (041-248 3000) March 2.

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Few traces of Charlie Parker remain, beyond some often rudimentary '70s, black-and-white photographs and a solitary television recording. However, Giddins makes the best of this unpromising material, adding informative interviews with Leonard Feather, Jay McShann and Chan Parker.

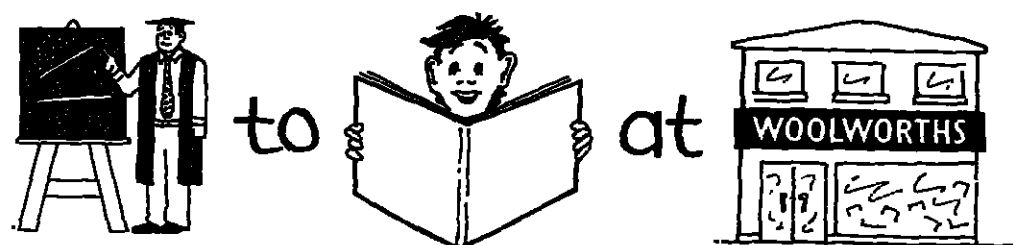
Again, the tone is reverential. Even so, there is no attempt to gloss over the influence that Parker's self-

destructive lifestyle exerted on so many of his followers. Saxophonist Fran Morgan recalls how, when he and his fellow-musicians heard the news of Parker's death, they marked the event in the only way they knew: by taking a shot of heroin.

The World According to John Coltrane is the first profile to be made with the full co-operation of the saxophonist's widow, Alice. Robert Palmer and his co-director Toby Byron have made a diligent trawl of its archives, coming up with several television performances and a tantalisingly short sound recording of Coltrane playing alto with a Navy band in 1946.

The main problem is how to convey Coltrane's monumental style of improvisation. A man who expands "My Favourite Things" to unheard-of dimensions cannot be crammed into the confines of a 60-minute cassette.

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Where the future looks like this

From striped skyscrapers to houses on stilts, the fifth Venice Biennale of Architecture is the largest review of contemporary building design ever held. Marcus Binney reports

Hungarians are the stars of this year's Venice Biennale. Architecturally speaking, the 21st century has already arrived in Hungary. Or perhaps the 25th, or the 7th. Hungary's new-wave architecture is a startling mix of science fiction, Middle Earth mythology and peasant tradition. What is more, while many of the rest of the 29 countries participating are represented in substantial part by drawings and models of schemes that may never be built, the Hungarian pavilion is entirely filled with superb colour photographs of completed structures. Among these are a "dancing barn" (a country version of a nightclub looking like a Viking helmet), the House with the Bull's Head, with eyes created by a spectacular pair of fan-like balconies, and a once-dismal

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health centre transformed by new roofs worthy of a production of *Madam Butterfly*. Schools, hotels, churches and many other types of buildings figure in this extraordinary awakening of a national style, akin to the National Romantic movement of the late 19th century in eastern and northern Europe. It is made possible by a complete mastery of traditional techniques and craftsmanship, reborn in a contemporary idiom.

The imaginative origin of this style appears to lie in a brilliant series of outdoor summer schools. One sees groups of students forming circles and arching, long wooden laths to form canopies and convex huts, inspired by ancient herdsman structures on the Hungarian plains. Then they tension the laths with strings to form serpentine or ogee curves. From simple practice at thatching and thatching, they have gone on to create timber roofs for school halls of a majesty to compare with the 14th century roof at Penshurst in Kent.

The "architectural frontier" is the theme of the American pavilion, devoted jointly to Peter Eisenman, inventor of "deconstructionism", and Frank Gehry, winner of the competition for the Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles. Eisenman emerges as a brilliant draughtsman gone berserk with his spirogram — or rather,

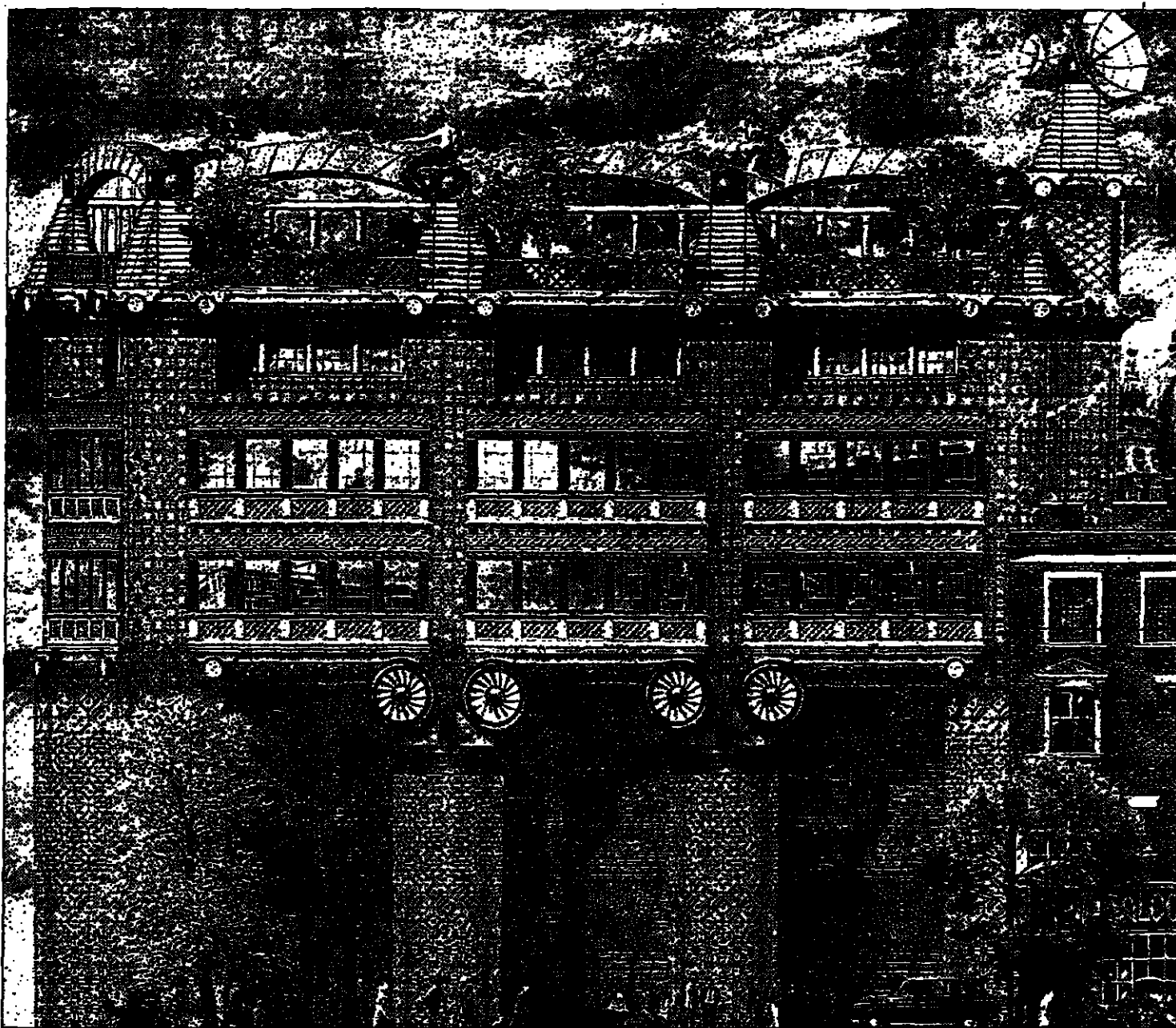
with computer-aided drawing. Simply press the button and roofs, walls and windows are pitched at crazy angles. So it is curious that his pale greens, pinks and greys are so similar to the palette of 18th century Venetian interior decoration.

Frank Gehry's concert hall is like the Sydney Opera House hit by a tornado: huge, prows pitched at fantastic angles. It says much that a warning, "beware of sharp corners", has hastily been added to the model to prevent a flood of law-suits from injured visitors.

Here is a fascinating insight into his whole design process, with dozens of models for the auditorium ranging in shape from coffins to violas, and a complete section of stone walling. For sheer adventurousness, particularly in outdoor living, Australia stands out (in a supremely graceful new pavilion) with wonderful houses on stilts in the Queensland rain forest. Gabriel Poole's skeletal house at Emmundi, with open tent-roofed corner pavilion, is minimalism at its most graceful. Meanwhile, Brazil has a brilliant new line in skyscrapers covered in black and white stripes. Some have large blocks of primary red or green intended to make spectators' eyes jump as they try to focus, like a kinetic painting.

Forty architects under the age of forty have been chosen by the French. That shows the wealth of talent and enthusiasm spurred by the increasing number of architectural competitions in France, though the trend is very much towards a high-tech idiom. But Gilles Cury has produced a sparkling modern version of a 1950s American diner as a canteen for a Benedictine school at Nîmes.

By contrast, the Italians exhibit a more varied and no less exciting set of responses to different commissions, places and settings. Being on home ground, they have the advantage of much larger displays. Restoration projects figure, as well as sensitive new buildings in historic towns — something lacking in other pavilions. I was particularly struck by Oswald Zoggeler of Bolzano whose Palazzo della Provincia in his home town is a counterpart to America's Michael Graves, with several beautiful



Wild card played with conviction: John Outram's collage showing his Babylonian design for 200 Queen Victoria Street, as yet unbuilt

diamond and hexagonal courtyards.

The Michael Graves signature of square windows with flat, coloured surrounds also appears to be an inspiration for a beautiful house for the elderly in a conspicuous position above the hill town of Montecchio in the province of Terni. The slightest discord of proportion, roof pitch or material would jar, but here is a stripped-down version of a traditional palazzo shorn of all projecting detail, and faced with blocked stone. It has a tiled roof so soft and mottled in colour that it could have been there for years.

The British pavilion is a pantheon in which Michael Hopkins and Nicholas Grimshaw join the trio who dominated the 1980s: Foster, Rogers, Stirling. But the show is stolen by the wild card, John Outram, who has put more

imagination and craft into his exhibit than anyone else in the show. The *Flames of his drawings* are collector's pieces in themselves, cleverly overprinted with digital versions of the London Underground map and old prints.

As Outram's brilliant Babylonian design for 200 Queen Victoria Street in London is on ice. But what he shows in Venice is that anyone commissioning even a single room from him could earn a place in the history books.

Venezuela amazes with a new monastery by the Lago de Valencia, twice as large as any by Le Corbusier, in the shape of a cross. In the Egyptian pavilion is an exquisite circular garden folly by Hassan Athy, which must be the most amazing pergola since the

demise of baroque formal gardening two centuries ago, while the new Serena Beach hotel on the Red Sea has the grace of a multi-domed *caravanserai*. For Israel, the Hebrew Union University is a brilliant marriage of architecture and gardening, with scorched courtyards softened by cascades of flowers.

The proposed European patent building in Holland is also to have a fantastic garden, inspired by the Marquis de Noailles's famous cubist garden of the Thirties. But the colours of the jagged beds on a model, all mauves and marigolds, are nauseating.

The organisers of the Soviet pavilion understandably seemed in some confusion as to what to exhibit, but produced a wonderful architectural drawing of megalomaniac buildings of the Thirties.

Czechoslovakia, by contrast to Hungary, still seems to be living in the age of the tower block. Its 1991 design for a new matchbox hotel in Bratislava merely needed the words Agip Motel added and it could be a Seventies horror on the edge of any provincial Italian town. Switzerland, alas, is worst of all: its out-of-focus photographs of ghastly buildings give the impression that the whole country is a Stalag.

The latest newcomer to the Biennale's delightful exhibition ground is James Stirling's bookshop: a shopper's delight, with a continuous run of broad flat surfaces on which browsers can open up heavy architectural books without damaging them.

● The Venice Architectural Biennale continues until October 6, 10am-7pm daily, in the Giardini di Castello.

Amateurs go first

WEST End shows are often taken up with gusto by the amateur theatre. But with next month's "BT Biennial" there has been a reversal of roles. John Godber, author of *Up and Under* and *Bouncers*, has written a new play, *Happy Families*, which 49 different amateur companies (all members of the Little Theatre Guild) will premiere simultaneously on October 12. Only after that piece of nationwide theatricality will the West End see it: producer Michael Codron plans to bring the show to a West End theatre next year. Godber will direct.

Giant visions

THE DRIVE to fill Birmingham's streets with modern sculpture shows no sign of diminishing. A £70,000 commission from the TSB Bank has just gone to Antony Gormley for a new sculpture called *Vision*. It will adorn Victoria Square, where TSB's headquarters are being relocated. The bank is now looking for a Midlands foundry capable of casting Gormley's three-times-life-size figure.

Columbia coup

FILM rights to Stephen Sondheim's musical *Into the Woods* have been acquired by Columbia Pictures. No casting has been announced, but the production will feature puppets from the Jim Henson company, as well as humans. Sondheim, a consultant on the venture along with librettist James Lapine, is composing several new songs for the venture.

Last chance...

MOSCOW City Ballet ends its Sadler's Wells (071-278 8916) season tomorrow with *Sleeping Beauty*. Nobody would expect full imperial grandeur on this small stage, but the company has many spirited young dancers who perform with a stylish cohesion.

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CLASSICAL MUSIC

Another illusion is shattered

IF THE purpose of the Japan Festival is to acquaint the British with the Japanese way of culture, its opening concert must be counted only a partial success. The Festival Hall was full and the music-making enthralling, the problem was that the crowd packing the auditorium was almost as thoroughly Japanese as the Saito Kinen Orchestra on the platform.

This was a pity, because the concert would have nailed two misconceptions in the minds of many British music-lovers. The first is that Seiji Ozawa, though a conductor with a great gift for inspiring orchestral sonorities of breathtaking warmth, is temperamentally incapable of projecting anger and turbulence. That impression was reinforced a fortnight ago by his anodyne Prom with his own orchestra, the Boston Symphony. The second myth is that Japanese



Ozawa: passionate Brahms

orchestras, and particularly the Saito Kinen (which dreams off the best Japanese instrumentalists around the world for short tours each summer) play with machine-like exactitude, but rarely with any spontaneity of feeling.

To both these myths, a superb performance of Brahms's Third Symphony stood as living rebuke. Most unexpectedly, Ozawa found

demons in this music, particularly towards the first movement's conclusion and where the finale bursts into life. Here the playing had an invigorating drive of aggression, yet it never overspilled into carelessness. Moreover, Ozawa's famous penchant for rich sonorities was harnessed to superbly punchy articulation. Here was both velvet glove and iron fist.

THE orchestra revealed, too, a far more humane face than one expected: the slow movement had a marvellously passionate sweep. So, too, did the playing in Toru Takemitsu's *Requiem for Strings*, a sensuous, consolatory exercise in lush, polychromatic sonorities, reminiscent of Hans Werner Henze in its melodic

outlines. It served to whet the appetite for next month's Takemitsu festival in London.

The Philharmonia made a blazing start to its Festival Hall season on Wednesday under Giuseppe Sinopoli's direction: the finale of Mahler's First Symphony must have been audible for miles. Indeed, the interpretation's chief fault was a predominance of timpani and horns that were not just loud but sullen in sound. On the other hand, tempos were far more subtly varied than Sinopoli would have achieved five years ago. Earlier, André Watts's playing of Beethoven's Fifth Piano Concerto had few charms and too much splashy passagework.

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The passport to open the doors of our embassies

Peter Millar calls on British diplomats to do much more for citizens abroad

At a Kensington cocktail party not long ago, a German diplomat began to tell me what a good job he and his colleagues had done for the world since 1975. He meant, of course, not just Germans but the Western diplomatic fraternity, which had shepherded the world from the Helsinki conference to the collapse of communism. When I suggested the credit was owed rather more to the courage of the people of Eastern Europe and Mikhail Gorbachev and that by and large Western diplomats had been caught on the hop and come pitifully scurrying after, he seemed offended. But he patronised me with a diplomatic smile.

The truth, however, is that the chancery boys, the professional diplomats, have failed in their task of political presence. In countries where they are supposed to have their fingers on the pulse, the big events of the past five years in particular have wrong-footed them in every case.

Only weeks before it happened, the fall of the Berlin Wall was still consigned to never-never land in diplomatic dispatches (the Germans were most embarrassed of all by the failure of their envoys' intelligence). The run-readers at Whitehall or Foggy Bottom were no more efficient in assessing Iraqi intentions towards Kuwait in August last year, let alone gauging the temperature of the crisis brewing in Yugoslavia. When the Kremlin coup appeared to have toppled Gorbachev, the genuine dismay among diplomats in Moscow was alleviated by the chorus of "I told you so". Conversely, the equally genuine sighs of relief over Boris Yeltsin's reversal of events were amplified to conceal the embarrassment.

Embassy people run the risk of spending more time entertaining each other — particularly in places such as Moscow — than treading the mood of the proletariat in the meat queues. It must be dispiriting that prime ministers and presidents give every public impression of getting their news first from television and in detail from newspapers, rather than from diplomatic telegrams.

This is not to suggest that diplomats do not have a job to do: merely that they are not doing the right one. We need ambassadors, first and foremost as proxies, to pass on stern words or eloquent compliments, to be withdrawn in high dudgeon and to perform representative functions in keeping with our desire for national projection. In short, they are messengers and image salesmen. But the most important role that an embassy should play is the most often neglected: the consular service. In this context, as in general in the world of Whitehall, the "service" is perceived as a tradition, rather like a regiment, something to which one belongs

rather than something that is performed.

The idea of "service to the public", as enshrined in Mr Major's nobly-conceived Citizen's Charter, simply does not enter into it. The average citizen in distress abroad is greeted by most embassies with the enthusiastic welcome accorded to shop customers by salesgirls intent on finishing their manicures.

It is not totally their fault. They are mainly passing on the condescension shown them by the high-flyers upstairs in chancery. What the diplomatic service needs is a rethink of its customer relations, rather on the lines of that carried out by Lord King at British Airways. Embassies should be a public relations service for British businessmen and a cross between the Automobile Association and American Express for the citizen adrift in foreign waters.

Imagine a foreign service dedicated to the good of its nationals. Each passport could carry a list of 24-hour freephone numbers for embassies. The embassy would be able, and willing, to relay urgent messages to and from home, provide local legal advice, travel information, put secure and reliable fax and telephone lines at the service of businessmen off the

beaten track, and even supply or suggest interpreters. Businessmen keen to impress an important client could hire the ambassador's dining room rather than the restaurant of some American chain hotel. If this sounds like the ultimate in Thatcherite privatisation, it should be remembered that it is what the old communist states insisted on. To avoid the charge of state capitalism, all these services could be conducted on a strictly commercial basis. The embassy helpline would be toll-free but a charge levied for each service; or there might be a voluntary surcharge on passports — a sort of Gold Card system; the caller would dictate a passport number for access to a wide range of services that would in turn help to finance the representational side of diplomacy.

This work need not require more staff, merely extensive reorganisation, replacing amateur pundits with chery counter staff. Calling the embassy freephone number at 1am would produce not an automatic answering machine advising on office opening hours and bureaucratic procedures, but a motivated, friendly switchboard girl announcing: "Good morning, British Embassy. How can we help you?"

Here at last is a chance for Britain to lead the world in one of the things we used to do best: taking care of our own. It is a chance for Britain to beat Bonn to a good idea, though I doubt my German diplomatic friend would be any happier than the chaps from King Charles Street.



Europe's "Gold Card"

Anatole Kaletsky says Labour should ask why the recession happened, not when it will end

The economy: boom, bumping or bust?

turning production since June last year, but, far more importantly, they were accompanied by an unusually strong statement by the government's official statisticians. "We are now confident in thinking the decline in manufacturing may have halted," the CSO said.

This seemingly bland comment was actually far more significant than the Governor's statement. For while the CSO's official briefers may be mundane and nameless, they represent a broadly apolitical bureaucracy which collectively knows far more about the present state of the economy than the more glamorous forecasters and policymakers in the Bank.

All Mr Leigh-Pemberton did on Wednesday was to draw attention to the improving statistics from the manufacturing sector, which went mysteriously unreported by the supposedly pro-government media. Of course, what sparked the controversy was the

gloss he added — that the economy was no longer "bumping along the bottom" but actually "coming out of recession". But, given where Britain now stands in the economic cycle, it would be foolish even for the Labour party to deny that the recession is ending.

There are, after all, just eleven days left to the end of the third quarter. Since recessions are measured in terms of quarterly changes in gross domestic product, the Governor's assertion that "we are coming out of recession" would be proved right provided there was any rise in GDP in the quarter which begins next month. Such a prediction could hardly be called controversial. If it were not, and GDP continued shrinking into the fourth quarter, the present recession would turn out to be the longest in post-war history — and not only in Britain's history, but the history of the entire industrialised world.

The fact is that all recessions end eventually: either quite quickly in response to deliberate government action to revive the economy, or more slowly after consumers and businessmen have tightened their belts so far that the new more austere levels of spending can be maintained. In Britain, the government decided to let the natural processes take their course and the bottoming out phase seemed to be reached in the late spring. Retail sales have been broadly unchanged since June. Manufacturing output has been flat since February, before rising sharply in July.

The possibility of what Americans call a "double-dip" recession cannot be entirely excluded, but experience shows that the economy usually starts growing after a period of bumping along the bottom, like the period that began in spring. Thus the Labour party is betting on a sure loser by harping

on about the precise timing of the recession's end. Instead, critics of government policy should be concentrating on two more important issues: how rapidly the economy will grow after the recession is over; and why the recession was allowed to happen at all, and then to continue for 12 to 15 months.

The government is vulnerable on both these counts. While the two previous recessions, in 1974-76 and 1979-81, may have been unavoidable because of the worldwide oil crises, no other country has suffered a recession remotely as severe as Britain's in the past two years. Coming after a decade in which Britain's economic structure had supposedly been transformed, the present recession was therefore inexcusable. On present policies, the economy is unlikely to grow by more than 2 to 2½ per cent a year. Unemployment will go on rising towards 11 million and remain at that level for years.

In other words, the so-called recovery ahead looks more like a feeble convalescence. Instead of quibbling about the timing of this convalescence, the government's critics must address a more demanding question: do they have policies to achieve faster economic growth?

Thatcherism without a face

Peter Riddell says the Tories are writing Mrs Thatcher out of the script they hope will win them the election



Left out of the propaganda: Mrs Thatcher has become a footnote in Tory history

At such propaganda as just part of the game, a professional foul comparable to this week's rabid attacks by the Tory tabloids on Neil Kinnock. But the current Conservative leadership should not be allowed to get away with washing its hands of its direct involvement in the mistakes of the late 1980s.

The attempt to distance Mr Major from Mrs Thatcher and her unpopular policies is, nevertheless, a soundly-based electoral strategy. The answer to the call that "it is time for a change" is that many voters believe that there has already been a change of government, and for the better. Not only is Mr Major's personal rating much higher than Mrs Thatcher's, but Britain's problems are widely attributed to "nasty" Mrs Thatcher rather than "nice" Mr

Major. Last Sunday's Harris poll showed that 47 per cent blamed Mrs Thatcher's government for the recession and rising unemployment, and only 7 per cent blamed Mr Major's government.

Labour's problem is that it has not fully adjusted. It has been fighting the last election. Its strategy was founded on capitalising on the personal unpopularity of Mrs Thatcher and making itself look responsible. Drop unilateralism, embrace Europe and do not make too many promises; a Labour government is not a dangerous choice. But now the Tories have removed Mrs Thatcher and Mr Major is a more elusive target: a safety-first approach is not enough. As Labour frontbencher Chris Smith argues in the fore-

word to a new Fabian pamphlet on "Labour's First Year": "People have to feel not only safe about voting Labour, but a little excited too. Voters will want to know that life will actually be different under a Labour government."

Insofar as Labour has a Kinnock problem it is that. There is nothing new in his low ratings; voters have always had doubts about him as a potential prime minister. But in his desire to be taken seriously Mr Kinnock has lost his vitality. He sounds defensive, as when he responded to press criticism this week by saying that he was "a very good captain of the team." Good captains do not need to say that.

The response from Walworth Road is that Labour cannot attack the popular Mr Major head-on, but must try to link him with the

Thatcher government as a fully-fledged Thatcherite. If Mr Major is such a "nice" man why did he allow unemployment to rise, or the health service changes to go through, or the poll tax to be introduced.

Labour is refocusing on these issues. This week's new poster campaign on 1,000 sites may, however, be going too far. Its pictures of skeletons (in the cupboard) and charges about the privatisation of education and raising VAT to 22 per cent strain taste and credibility. The Major government is not seen as that radical. Better to focus on unpopular health service changes that are happening now. That is a much more vulnerable area for the Tories.

What does all this activity mean for election timing? Nothing definite, yet. Mr Patten says the latest propaganda blitz, to be accompanied by an anti-Labour poster campaign today, has been in preparation for six months as part of a strategy lasting into next year. But it would also be a useful launching-pad for a November election. That remains a live option, not least because of potential problems during the winter over the health service, the poll tax, Europe and a possibly uncertain economic recovery.

Mr Major is not going to rush into a decision. The Tory lead is still not large enough to take the risk. But for all its public caution, Conservative Central Office is putting an optimistic spin on the polls. It notes that ICM, which this week put the two main parties level pegging, tends to understate the Tories and overstate Labour compared with other surveys.

The Tories' private view is that they are three to four points ahead, and improving. They argue that the Liberal Democrats received less of a boost, only a couple of points, from their conference last week than might have been expected, and that Labour support has been shown to be soft. That means there is going to be an election, you understand. The tease over the date is going to last a few weeks longer.

...and moreover

ALAN COREN

This is my last...and moreover column. From next week, I shall be writing my...and Refuge Assurance moreover column. Well, almost certainly, a little fine-tuning remains to be done, a minor negotiation or two, a few last delicate turns to the contractual nuts and bolts, a hysterical shouting match with the editor, but nothing serious. Nothing likely to block the smooth transition to a richer, better life for us all. Unless, of course, today's surprise announcement prompts fresh activity in the market: the twelfth hour has not yet struck, my door is ever open, and should some other enterprising enterprise wish to beat a path to that door and hammer competitively upon it, then there is always the possibility that from next week I shall be writing my...and Aramis Body Fragrance for Him moreover column, or whatever. For the world is my oyster, and were some as yet unapproached sponsor to poke in a larger piece of grit, I should be more than happy to cast my future pearls his way.

Forgive that convulsion, but this prime corner-site is a marketplace; one must lay out one's stall; a potential customer has to be shown what a lot of metaphor he gets for his money. We entrepreneurs do not hide our lights under bushels, up here in the attic factory of Erzanpepsi. We might have done yesterday, when it was still called Erzanmine, but that was before we read that Edinburgh's Princes

Street was to become the first British thoroughfare to be sponsored. This is thanks to Mr Michael Wilson, commercial director of The Princes Street Mile, a new athletic event generated by the Athens Of The North's fine Olympic credo that the object is not to win but to take money. Mr Wilson hopes to attract not merely 100,000 live visitors, but also millions of international television viewers, who will be able to watch the 100,000 live ones belting in and out of the Princes Street shops, which have generously agreed to stay open on a Sunday, and even, doubtless, selflessly import extra tills. Except that it will not be Princes Street — it will be Nissan Princes Street or Virgin Princes Street or some such, depending on who shouts the sweetest offer through a door even more open than mine.

But Mr Wilson has opened far more doors than his own, for each time a hitherto unbreached bastion yields to a new and better stirring charge by the commercial cavalry, the rest of us get a clearer sight, through the tumbling bricks, of the broad sunlit uplands beyond. And might the fall of Princes Street not be, at last, the signal we have been awaiting to follow their sabres into the golden sunlight?

For we all have premises, and we all do things. Furthermore we have all, for far too long, performed as unpaid boardings for this profit-maker and that, at no profit to ourselves, we have carried the plastic bags, sported

the logos, hung the calendars, opened the broileries, flashed the packs, even, God help us, sung the jingles and incorporated the slogans into our common intercom, and never a bob to show for it.

But if time itself can be sponsored by Accurist, why should I not receive a small secure for answering my telephone with the declaration that I am sponsored by Times, or Durex, or the Gas, Light & Coke Company? Why when my child, wed, should a notice not appear in this newspaper to the effect that "The Silk Cut marriage will take place between... or, later, another announcing that "a son, John Durood Sellotape Angelpoise, has..."

It is not good alone which prompts these reflections: even as I speak for myself, I hear another voice speaking for the wider world, and for wider purposes than Edinburgh's simple wheeze to line its coffers. Let the flag follow trade, it cries: how better to stabilise the Balkans than to offer them megaglomerate sponsorship? It is not simply the question of hard currency pouring into Serbia Sockshop, important though that is, but also the concomitant incumbency to behave properly and not disgrace the logo that will keep them all from one another's throats.

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Amenable Snowman?

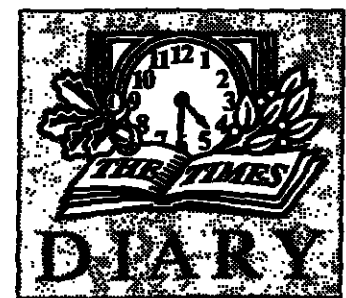
A SUCCESSOR to English National Opera's general director, Peter Jonas, is belatedly to be announced within the next ten days, and the odds on Nicholas Snowman, currently director of the South Bank, are shortening fast.

A decision from the ENO board, headed by its chairman Lord Harewood, had been expected in August. The delay in the appointment appears to have been because the ENO's first choice, Nicholas Payne of Opera North, turned the job down after much agonising. "I did not apply for the job," Payne said yesterday. "But it's in the nature of these things to sound people like me out. I thought about it, but I decided it would not be a good idea."

The ENO was naturally disappointed, believing that Payne's shrewd management of the Leeds-based company was the perfect training for the Coliseum and that his proven skill in reviving rarely performed operas would have maintained the ENO's tradition.

It is not altogether surprising that the company's first choice refused the post. Not only will his first jobs the appointment of both a music director and a productions director following the imminent departure of Mark Elder and David Pountney, he will also have to renegotiate the Coliseum lease, which comes up for renewal in 1996. Unless that can be satisfactorily resolved, the opera company could be forced into seeking a new home.

Snowman confirmed yesterday: "I am interested in going to ENO. I have been interviewed." The negotiations, however, have still not been finalised. Do



not rule out another operative twist before the announcement at the end of this month.

Nice to know that the BBC accounts department has a sense of humour. Patrick Forbes, the Church of England's broadcasting officer, recently returned a cheque for appearing on Pause for Thought after it had been chewed into tiny pieces by his Labrador puppy. Back came the reply from the head of accounting services, headed "Your Labrador v. our cheque", with a replacement printed on reinforced paper and the message: "We hope that you manage to get this cheque before your dog does."

As nature intended

AT LAST, someone has stuck up for Lady Porter over the sale of three of Westminster city council's cemeteries for 5p each. While relatives of the dead who are buried in the cemetery at Hanwell are appalled at its unkempt appearance, the London Ecology Unit has declared that its neglect has turned it into an outstanding nature reserve.

In a new guide to nature conservation in London, the unit says the cemetery, which the council is negotiating to buy back, is an ideal educational and conservation site. The failure to mow the

grass, which so upset the relatives, has resulted in flora and fauna flourishing. "It's a haven which should be preserved," the unit says. "There are extensive strands of cow parsley with bees feeding off the pinkish purple foxgloves. Butterflies abound, and on the southern boundary the dense layers of elder, bramble and sycamore are now rich in bird nesting sites."

Hand in glove

THE Victorian habit of wearing gloves is back in fashion at the Victoria & Albert museum. Staff responsible for installing, and cleaning, the *Visions of Japan* exhibition have had to don white cotton gloves while handling religious exhibits out of fear that their non-Buddhist hands might defile sacred objects.

"It's the first time my staff have ever been asked to wear gloves," says Hugo Ambrose of Russell Brothers, contractors to the mu-



seum. Most tricky was the installation of an ornate hearse, which had to be carried from the V & A's entrance to the Cosmos gallery without once being touched by bare flesh. Neither were the Japa-

nese taking any chances with the Jodo-Rashura temple. A special crew of Buddhists from Japan flew over to assemble the shrine. "Apparently, there is a 25-year apprentice to be a shrine-maker," says Ambrose.

Don't bank on it

DESPITE now accusing Robin Leigh-Pemberton of bias towards the government, it was only last April that Labour appeared to entertain hopes of recruiting the Governor of the Bank of England to its ranks. At the time, to the Opposition's delight, Leigh-Pemberton was not seeing eye to eye with the government's economic policy, and declared that Britain's recession was "home-grown".

Taunting John Major in parliament, Neil Kinnock said: "Perhaps the prime minister will permit me to quote the Governor of the Bank of England who is not yet a member of the Labour Party." Nor ever will be, say Maudstone Conservatives, who have only the fondest memories of Leigh-Pemberton.

"He was one of our most distinguished members," says Peter Curry, former Tory agent. "We were sorry when he quit an active political role." Try telling that to Labour.

When delegates at the Scottish National Party conference debated the "alarming rise" in neo-Nazi culture few probably realised that their new party logo is almost identical to one used by the German far right. The SNP has this week replaced its traditional circle with a diamond logo which, turned upside down, is identical to the symbol of the neo-Nazi Kameradschafts-Rings Nationaler Jugendverbände (KNJ) group, which flourished in Germany in the 1950s and 1960s.



BEATING HEART OF RUSSIA

What would Russia be like without its president? Whether or not Boris Yeltsin's chest pains are serious, his empty seat at yesterday's opening session of the Russian parliament brought intimations of the titan's mortality both to his countrymen and to the world. But the extent of his power depends on a personality and a record. It is not yet possible to speak of a Russia remade in the Yeltsin mould which could survive him.

Few will have forgotten the scenes at the Russian parliament last month, when Mr Yeltsin's jovial but devastating presence towered even over Mikhail Gorbachev. To compare that with yesterday's shambles in his absence gives a measure of Mr Yeltsin's stature — but also of his supporters' expectations. To slay the dragon of communism required tactical skills of a high order, for which Russia has rewarded her saviour with a rare popularity. Now the damsel expects her rescuer to provide for her. That is a daunting prospect even for Boris Nikolayevich.

The inter-republican structures that ten of the 15 republics are setting up to replace the Soviet Union are largely dependent on Mr Yeltsin's support. Even with that support, the centre's future is doubtful. To add to the uncertainty, the Russian prime minister, Ivan Silayev, now says he intends to resign in order to concentrate on his role as chairman of the two economic committees which have replaced the Soviet government. Mr Yeltsin is thought to have been disillusioned by Mr Silayev's performance in his dual capacity. Soviet ministries, all 60 of them, have yet to be abolished.

Nor is there certainty about how power will eventually be shared between the Russian president, government and parliament. Parliament is due to debate a new Russian constitution, but there is as yet no consensus on the presidential prerogative to issue decrees. This is an old tsarist tradition, continued by all communist rulers from Lenin to Gorbachev. In the present state of administrative chaos Mr Yeltsin has a strong case for

demanding such powers, if only temporarily. He has aroused the ire of some deputies by appointing prefects — he began well before the coup — to carry out his orders. But in the absence of a properly worked out federal structure, this was inevitable.

Like Charles de Gaulle in 1958, Mr Yeltsin should accept the challenge of setting Russia to rights only if he is granted the necessary powers by his parliament. He should obtain parliamentary sanction for a constitution which gives himself the political weight to push through reforms. But he should resist the Cromwellian temptation to dissolve a quarrelsome legislature which has failed to keep up with the pace of revolution.

In the longer run, Mr Yeltsin should stick to his principle that no one Western country has the right formula for the new Russian democracy. The Russian "federation" is so lacking in decentralised power structures that centrifugal tensions may break it up just as they did the Soviet Union. The West cannot prevent this, but it does at least offer constitutional lessons.

The United States of America was forged in similar conflict between regional and central sovereignty. Federal Germany, when it emerged like Russia now from dictatorship, reduced its president's powers to a shadow of those conferred by the Weimar constitution. Britain offers the supreme example of a prime minister working in close harmony — perhaps over close — with a majority in the legislature.

Even the American dollar now responds to the health of Mr Yeltsin. By a single incautious phrase, his doctors might unmake the new Russia. To reassure his friends in the West, he needs to build up plausible successors around himself. Though popular at home, his deputy, Aleksandr Rutskoi, is not known well enough abroad to inspire confidence. He and other associates should be dispatched to tour the West very soon. Mr Yeltsin should learn from his close shave. Russia's future depends on it.

GOVERNING THE EYEBROWS

Wednesday's statement of optimism over the state of the economy by the governor of the Bank of England was not wisely timed. The cabinet minister who boasted that the governor's remarks were "helpful" to the Conservatives was unwise too — making the remarks instantly less "helpful". Margaret Beckett, Labour's treasury spokeswoman, was most unwise of all in accusing Robin Leigh-Pemberton of "doing his best" for the Conservatives. Wisdom lies in all three participants in this episode, Bank, ministers and Opposition, backing off.

More than a month has passed since the Bank was cautiously negative in describing the economy as "bumping along in the bottom". As the Bank of England said in a statement rushed out yesterday, "more recent evidence" is more encouraging. Manufacturing output is up, though retail sales remain depressed. Recession is ending, at least in the technical sense. Inflation has come down more sharply than was expected. The governor's remarks could plausibly be presented as objective, but only in a political closed season.

That is not the case today. British politics is suffering an acute attack of election fever, with the nature, speed and durability of recovery at the centre of the attack. This week, Neil Kinnock attempted to regain the initiative for Labour by accusing the government of trying to cultivate an unsustainable consumer boom for election purposes. Against this background, every twitch of the governor's eyebrows is bound to be interpreted politically. If Mr Leigh-Pemberton wishes to retain that poise which is essential to his effectiveness, the gubernatorial eyebrows (and mouth) should be now be rivalled those of a statue.

This is especially so with this governor. His predecessor, Lord Richardson, was no less "political", as is any holder of an office intimately concerned with interest rates and economic management. But he had about him an awe-inspiring detachment that

acquitted him of big "P" politics. Mr Leigh-Pemberton is a more down-to-earth fellow, everybody's idea of a bluff chairman of Tory-controlled Kent County Council (which he once was) with ambitions for a Tory seat (which he once admitted). The Labour party opposed Mr Leigh-Pemberton's appointment, and would probably have removed him had it won in 1987.

The effective thinker and arguer in Threadneedle Street is Eddie George, the deputy governor. Mr Leigh-Pemberton is more of a roving ambassador for the Bank's viewpoint, and one who has become somewhat accident-prone. Tories once accused him of favouring Labour by appearing to deepen the recessionary gloom. He found himself besieged over the BCCI collapse. Yesterday's speech advocating "long-termism" in economic policy could even be seen as reflecting a theme of Labour speeches. Yet Mr Leigh-Pemberton lacks that aura of omnipotence which might place his passing comments above political suspicion. He just loves making homely speeches on economic affairs.

All this is odd for a man, and an institution, that has pleaded for a greater independence of politics. The Bank does not enjoy the same degree of independence from government of its counterparts in, for example, Germany or the United States. But it is hardly likely to get it, from either Labour or the Tories, by issuing "sound bites" with such frequency, and raising one party or another to a frenzy of synthetic indignation. Nor yet is the Labour party likely to do itself much good, having devoted great effort to reassuring the city that it is no longer a party of inflation. Attacking the Bank is the surest way of undermining that confidence.

As for the government, if it has indeed found an ally in the governor of the Bank, it would do well not to gloat. Even this governor at times has shown himself capable of sudden flights of "unhelpful" independence.

KEEPING THE GREENS

Every party is green today, but only one is Green. That is the party currently meeting in Wolverhampton civic hall. The great Green days briefly came and went in the 1989 Euro-election, when the party scored a remarkable 15 per cent. Now its poll share is down to 2 per cent, and one of the purposes of Wolverhampton is to ask where the other 13 per cent went and how to get them back. Now even that 2 per cent is threatened. The Greens are being urged to turn yellow — the Liberal Democrats yesterday urged Green supporters not to waste their votes but vote Lib Dem instead.

The old Liberal eccentricity — corduroy trousers and sandals — found a more natural home among the newly-formed Greens when the Liberals went smart on merging with besuited Social Democrats. Could this explain why the Lib Dem environment and local government spokesmen, Simon Hughes and David Bellotti, did not propose an outright merger with the Greens yesterday, merely a bid for Green votes?

More seriously, the Greens are a party of a single issue and single issues lead to tunnel vision. To be truly Green is to be driven to believe that nothing matters but the saving of the planet from imminent ecological ruin. It is a struggle to be fought with the ferocity of a Trotsky. Other parties also favour saving the planet, but only once a fortnight. They put it alongside and sometimes below Europe, taxation, trade unions and schools. And in the corridors of the Liberal Democrats 1991 conference at Bournemouth,

polite enquiries as to the absence of so-and-so, a well-loved eccentric of old Liberal conference days, produce a shake of the head and the sorrowful reply "gone Green". The impolite word for environmental single-mindedness is "Green fascism", whereas Mr Hughes and his policies are the very model of green-tempered moderation.

The Green party, by its definition as a participant in the British electoral process, is pro-democracy. But it has its own ultra fringe for whom "religious fanaticism" is not too strong a term. And the ultra-green fringe has a fringe of its own — condemned by the party — which is violent, smashing butchers' windows and threatening anybody suspected of vivisection. The Green dilemma in Wolverhampton is not about deals with Liberal Democrats. It is about stopping Greens abandoning the democratic process altogether, especially when they gasp at the distance between 2 per cent and any figure likely to get them a seat at the next election.

They should draw encouragement, not despair, from that famous 15 per cent. Far more than any smashed window or raided animal laboratory, it gave a fright to the leaders of the bigger parties. The 1989 result has been claimed as the biggest single factor in Margaret Thatcher's green conversion, and in the rise of Chris Patten, the greenest of the blues. If the Greens fold their tables and answer the Lib Dem siren call, who will be left to frighten the horses? The Green party exists to keep the others green.

How to cope with aiding Gorbachev

From Sir Andrew Gilchrist
Sir, The greatest bloodless victory of history was that lately won by the Americans, whose overwhelming industrial and military might drove the rival Soviet frog to swell up until it burst. And yet victory is incomplete. It always is: polarity insists on re-establishing itself in one way or another, this time in a very odd way.

In old-fashioned wars it was the victors who collected reparations from the vanquished; but this time Mr Gorbachev says it must be the other way round.

We delude ourselves if we think that Mr Gorbachev is appealing to the West on simple humanitarian grounds, that we shall soon see a starving white child on our TV screens in place of a black one, that the Princess Royal will shortly be inspecting Save the Children outposts in Belarus. Mr Gorbachev has something different in mind. Certainly he refers to food shortages but his main claim for aid is much more widely based: the prospect of disunity, disintegration, disorder, economic collapse, civil war.

Such a prediction amounts to a threat. "I am trying to regain central control of domestic and foreign policy, including nuclear control, thereby leading to the renewal of the old superpower polarity but on a better basis. Unless you provide me with massive aid my efforts will fail."

Will President Bush come round to regarding this as a worthwhile bargain? After all, the thought or threat of civil war involving several new, unreliable and nuclear powers in Eastern Europe and in Central Asia must be genuinely alarming.

There are two deterrent considerations. Can Mr Gorbachev deliver? What about Mr Yeltsin? Is it possible that a realistic Mr Yeltsin sees advantage in allowing Mr Gorbachev to re-establish some form of central control which he, Yeltsin, assuming his indisposition (report, September 19) is temporary, will in due course take over and consolidate, rather as Napoleon did in France?

The second problem is how to handle the aid itself. Aid with strings has been tried in Africa. It would be all too easy in dealing with the Soviets and Gorbachev, to write in a string after another until you end up with a Versailles treaty and a quasi-colonial presence, guaranteed to produce universal resentment. And yet the American people might regard aid without strings as an incomprehensible and unacceptable policy.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW GILCHRIST,
Arthur's Crag,
Hazelbank, by Lanark,
September 19.

Wider Europe

From Professor E. C. Fernie
Sir, A phrase in use in current discussions concerning the expansion of the European Community describes the possibility of a Europe stretching "from the Atlantic to the Urals". General de Gaulle did us no favours by coining the phrase, as it assumes a political entity which does not exist. A Russian Federation truncated at the Urals is not on offer: if Moscow were to join the EC the Community would extend to the Pacific.

In considering decisions which will probably affect the political shape of our continent for centuries we would be wise to do so in terms which refer to the world as it is.

Yours faithfully,
ERIC FERNIE,
17 Buckingham Terrace,
Edinburgh 3.

Long-term journey

From Mr Jeremy Preston
Sir, I flew back yesterday from Paris to Heathrow in 40 minutes. It took exactly twice as long to get from outside terminal 4 to the main long-term car park.

Yours faithfully,
JEREMY PRESTON,
1 High Street, Soudern,
Nr Bicester, Oxfordshire,
September 16.

Cuts in forces

From Lieutenant-General Sir David Young
Sir, The article by Michael Evans (September 16) on his interview with Mr Tom King, reveals once again the secretary of state's complacency regarding "a normal peace-time situation", to use his words (early editions).

There will be very few who will disagree with his comments on the global overview in Eastern Europe and the need for both sides to reduce respective nuclear capability while remaining cautious on the eventual outcome of internal struggles.

However, Mr King does not appear to understand the number of infantry battalions required for the "normal peacetime situation" where numbers have been cut by 17, but commitments by only 14. This renders the situation impossible for battalions to have two-year intervals between emergency six-month unaccompanied tours, which is his ministry's aim.

The infantry has suffered overstretch for years, resulting in poor recruiting and retention in many regiments, and this is set to continue but at a higher level. The secretary of state should be asked to explain how the army is to fulfil HM's tasks

Deprivation as a social disease

From Dr D. T. Lipman

Sir, I have been a general practitioner in the west end of Newcastle for the last ten years and know the situation of many of my patients in Scotswood, Elswick and Benwell and the conditions in which they live.

Poverty has increased and is now a disgrace. A whole generation has grown up who have never had any prospect of employment and in many families two or three generations have been unemployed for years. They cannot make ends meet, are frequently in debt and can see no way out. The recent substitution of loans for grants for essential domestic equipment has made matters worse and there is a general belief that not only the government but the rest of society does not care what happens to the poor.

My patients, most of whom are decent people who want to bring up their families in decent conditions, have been unemployed for years and live in constant fear. They often know the identity of the perpetrators but have learned that they will receive little protection from the law. It is small wonder that about a fifth of my patients suffer from depression, phobic states and chronic anxiety.

Discipline within and without the family has broken down. The reason, I believe, is that poverty is many times harder to bear in an affluent society the ethos of which is based on acquisitiveness and promiscuous consumption as a mark of success.

Community's role

From the Chairman of the Intermediate Treatment Fund

Sir, The courts will shortly sentence those convicted for recent violence on housing estates in several cities. But availability of punishments was not enough to deter these people from crime and will not be enough to deter others from following their example.

Adult administrators and legislators tend to forget on what a tide of energy and curiosity young people are carried along. If no constructive channels are open to them they will find destructive ones. To let this happen would be an appalling waste of our nation's most valuable asset.

I chaired in 1988 a committee appointed by the government to enquire into discipline in schools. It became abundantly clear that unless pupils feel they belong to a school and that, in some sense, the school belongs to them they will not follow its code of behaviour. But schools are an integral part of the local community. That community, too, plays an important part in forming character and behaviour.

The coherent strategy to contain and diminish youth crime that the government must now urgently devise should involve the Home Office and the departments of health, social services and education and science. They must aim to bring

What is a teenage boy to do when he is urged by the advertising industry to wear the latest fashions, buy expensive hi-fi equipment, learn to drive and buy a fast car and he knows that he is unlikely to get even the most menial job and has no money? Most become apathetic, depressed, of low self-esteem and chronically sad. A few become criminals.

Teenage girls often become single parents. The fathers cannot provide for their children and fear responsibility, so another generation grows up even more poverty-stricken and divorced from normal society. All this makes me angry. I fear that the present government and its supporters do not understand the misery and degradation experienced day by day, year by year.

This problem will not be solved by setting up a few enterprise zones and increasing tax incentives to industry, nor even by spending more on the social services, housing, the police or education, although all these are important. The government should recognise that poverty is endemic in many parts of the country, that this poverty is self-perpetuating and that the way to eradicate it must come at the top of its agenda. It would help if the prosperous and powerful appeared genuinely to care.

Yours sincerely,
D. T. LIPMAN,
452 Denton Road, Denton Burn,
Newcastle upon Tyne,
September 14.

young people into a proper relationship with their communities and provide for the constructive use of their energy.

Locally-based projects are needed that will provide young people with the experience of constructive and demanding activity within a clear code of behaviour under the genuine sympathetic eye of firm older people from the same neighbourhood. This will enable them to discover their talents and the satisfaction of using them in, rather than against, the community.

The Intermediate Treatment Fund has supported over 1,300 such projects with £4.2 million of government money since 1978 and its grants have enabled them to attract more than the same amount from other sources.

Many deprived areas are entirely without this kind of resource but the Department of Health, while acknowledging the success of the fund, is now withdrawing its support, apparently in the expectation that such activities can finance themselves. It will be a tragedy if the government's response to the recent epidemic does not exploit its proven skills and commitment.

Yours faithfully,
ELTON, Chairman,
Intermediate Treatment Fund,
33 King Street, WC2,
September 15.

difficulties. Perhaps if a better balance between residential occupancy and "museum use" had been sought and achieved over the years, as I have often advocated, this financial difficulty would be less evident. It is not too late for an in-depth reappraisal.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER G. R. BUXTON
(Chairman),
Period and Country Houses Ltd.,
61 Harcourt Terrace, SW10.

From Mr D. H. Thomas
Sir, Although Marcus Binney rightly concentrated on the interior of Heveningham Hall, mainly the work of James Wyatt, and the grounds, originally laid out by Capability Brown, a sort of filial piety requires me to remind your readers that the hall itself was the work of Sir Robert Taylor.

He bequeathed his estate to Oxford University and it is to his munificence that we owe the establishment of the Taylorian Library, the largest separate modern languages library in the country.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID THOMAS
(Assistant Librarian),
Taylor Institution Library,
St Giles', Oxford.

risks with our defence. Yet it is apparent that his plans reduce the infantry to a state where they will be unable to meet even their present commitments.

He tells us we should not reduce our forces so that we can no longer take part in operations like the Gulf war. Well that will be fine so long as the soldiers allotted to the new Rapid Reaction Corps in Germany are not away on operations in Northern Ireland.

Mr King assures us that the latest round of defence cuts follow from strategic and intelligence assessments but the Commons select committee tells us they are based on Treasury imposed spending limits. Mr King condemns Labour's call for a defence review. Why would he be worried about that if he has already done the work?

Surely the time has come for Mr King to resign. He has shown himself to be hasty in his judgments, muddled in his thinking and totally subservient to the Treasury. He is misleading the country about his assessment of our needs for defence forces.

Yours faithfully,
M. B. H. ASHMORE,
Cocklaw, Elrickie,
Biggar, Lanarkshire,
September 17.

Need for lending right in all EC

From the General Secretary of the Society of Authors

Sir, Mr George Cunningham, Chief Executive of the Library Association (September 17), complains that librarians have not been invited to give evidence at a hearing of the Legal Committee of the European Parliament which is examining Commission proposals on the harmonisation of copyright law. As far as I am aware, British authors' organisations have not been invited either.

Furthermore, the draft directive on rental and lending rights makes it clear that authors might well not be able to exercise control over loans of their books, but would only be entitled to "equitable remuneration" (from government funds).

We have strongly supported the Commission's proposal that all countries within the EC should introduce a public lending right so that authors receive some income for the use of their books in libraries. At present, PLR schemes exist only in Denmark, Germany, The Netherlands and the UK. We would like all EC authors to be eligible for payment regardless of the country in which their books are borrowed.

Apart from complaints about our government's inadequate funding of PLR, authors are pleased with the operation of PLR in this country and are indebted to librarians for their part in supplying the information about loans on which payments are based. Authors are keen users and supporters of libraries and have no wish to "restrict access to their works", as Mr Cunningham puts it. They simply seek fair payment for the use of their books throughout the Community.

Yours faithfully,
MARK LE FANU,
General Secretary,
The Society of Authors,
84 Drayton Gardens, SW10,
September 17.

Education closures

From Mr Terry Pope

Sir, John O'Leary's article "Losing out in the rush to learn Russian" (Education, September 16) defines the way in which an upsurge of interest in Russian studies here is exposing the consequences of the government's abuse of British universities and shortening our system, particularly in humanities where, for short-term gains, it forced the closure of many small but important departments — Russian among them.

How long will the public believe the Department of Education an Science hype and ignore the reality? How long is the government to be allowed methodically to asset-strip the future?

Yours faithfully,
TERRY POPE,
University of Reading,
Department of Fine Art,
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September 16.

Factory ideas

From Mr Geoffrey Mills

Sir, Why is the managing director of Nissan, Mr "Way" Washington, Tyne and Wear "amazed" (report, September 17) at the number of ideas coming from assembly line workers? The Japanese system of joint-consultation has long recognised that innovation can come from any level in a company, and most frequently comes from well below the boardroom. Do British directors not know that from their own experience?

But how cheering, in contrast, to note that the "workers receive no financial rewards for their ideas". It seems it is only British directors who have to be offered financial incentives and "performance-related" perquisites before they can perform.

Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY MILLS,
43 Wharfedale Close,
Edgborough, Birmingham 15,
September 17.

Speaking up for blind

From Mr Michael Brothers

Sir, The cartoon on "blind golfers" (Daily, August 15) was in our view unnecessarily frivolous, incorrectly depicting blind people as grovelling creatures and their guide dogs as superhuman.

It should be noted that only about 1 per cent of visually disabled people have a guide dog, which made the cartoon even more unrepresentative and pointless.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL BROTHERS
(Head of Equal Opportunities),
Greater London Association of Disabled People,
336 Brixton Road, SW9,
September 17.

Sputtering on

From Mr Harry Hawkins

Sir, Yesterday I sighted three Trabants with genuine ex-East German number plates parked in Glenridding in the Lake District. Is this the furthest north in Britain that these unfortunate cars have been seen?

Yours faithfully,
HARRY HAWKINS,
60 Holme Riggs Avenue,
Penrith, Cumbria,
September 17.



COURT CIRCULAR

BALMORAL CASTLE
September 19: The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were represented by Sir Cenydd Trueman, KC, at the Service of Thanksgiving for the life of the Lord Ashburton at Winchester Cathedral today.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
September 19: The Duchess of York this afternoon visited Salford, Greater Manchester and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Greater Manchester (Colonel John Timmins).

Her Royal Highness visited the North Western Orthotic Unit at Hope Hospital, Salford. The Duchess of York this evening attended a dinner at University House, Salford University.

Mrs Jonathan Mathias and Captain Neil Blair, RN, were in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
September 19: The Princess Royal departed from Heathrow Airport, London this evening for a visit to Uruguay and Chile.

Her Royal Highness was received on arrival at Heathrow Airport by the Ambassador of Uruguay (His Excellency Dr Luis Alberto Solé-Romero), the Ambassador of Chile (His Excellency Señor German Riesco) and Sir David Muirhead (Special Representative for the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs).

Mrs Richard Carey Pole and Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Gibbs were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
September 19: The Princess of Wales attended the film premiere of *Stepping Out* in aid of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children and, as Patron, the Trust for Sick Children in Wales, at the Empire Cinema, Leicester Square, WC2.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of York, as Colonel-in-Chief of The Staffordshire Regiment (The Prince of Wales's) will attend a Gulf thanksgiving service in Lichfield Cathedral at 10.30, will attend a luncheon in the Civic Hall at 12.30, will present new colours to the 3rd (Volunteer) Battalion, The Staffordshire Regiment, Whittington Barracks, at 2.55, and will meet members of the regiment and their families at 4.15.

The Duchess of York will be installed as Chancellor of Salford University at the university at 10.30.

The Duke of Kent will open the new wing of the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Egham Road, Guildford, at 11.15, and the Egham Fire Station, High Street, Egham, at 3.00.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Sir James Dewar, natural philosopher, Kincardine-on-Forth, 1842.

DEATHS: Robert Emmet, Irish patriot, executed, Dublin, 1803.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P.J. Ambrose and **Miss S.A. Mulcare**
The engagement is announced between Peter, second son of Mrs Jill Duncan and stepson of Mr David Duncan, of Northwood, Middlesex, and Sarah, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Mulcare, of Tinkers, Chislehurst, Surrey.

Mr D. Clough and **Miss R.M.C. Butler**
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs Ralph Clough, of Crown House, Ford, Argyleshire, and Rachel, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Butler, of Ashfield, Bridge of Weir, Renfrewshire.

Dr S.V. Coppell and **Miss R.M. Fisher**
The engagement is announced between Simon, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Samuel Coppell, of Rottingdean, East Sussex, and Rachel, daughter of Mr and Mrs Priscilla Fisher and the late Dr Peter Fisher, of Oxford.

Mr C.P. Dean and **Miss J.S. Hendry**
The engagement is announced between Christopher, eldest son of Mr and Mrs C.A.E. Dean, of Cliftonville, Kent, and Jill, daughter of Mr and Mrs A.E. Hendry, of Wittington, Kent.

Mr P.M. Ingram and **Miss A.M.A. Torode**
The engagement is announced between Philip, only son of Mr and Mrs Peter Ingram, of Loose, Kent, and Angela, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Barry Torode, of Bloomsbury, London.

Mr W.R.C. Jervis and **Miss L. Daily-Hunt**
The engagement is announced between William, son of Mr and Mrs Edwin Jervis, of Bowers Hall Farm, Stansted, Suffolk, and Lucy, daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Daily-Hunt, of Barbican, London.

Mr J.E. Lloyd and **Miss C.M. Abram**
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, younger son of Mr and Mrs R.E.T. Lloyd, of Shalford, Surrey, and Caroline, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs C.C. Abram, of Sand, Surrey.

Captain T.J. McConnell-Wood and **Miss S.G. Lawrence**
The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of Mr and Mrs Ian McConnell-Wood, of Carr House Farm, Ponteland, Northumberland, and Sandra, daughter and stepdaughter of Captain and Mrs David Ford, of Kerse Farm, Kingsbridge, Devon.

Wing Commander David Barton, RAF, was in attendance. The Prince of Wales was represented by the Earl Trueman, KC, at the Service of Thanksgiving for the life of the Lord Ashburton at Winchester Cathedral today.

KENSINGTON PALACE
September 19: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, was represented by Mr Oliver Baring at the Service of Thanksgiving for the life of the Lord Ashburton, KG, which was held at Winchester Cathedral today.

YORK HOUSE
September 19: The Duke of Kent, Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, today visited the 5th Battalion during their Annual Camp at Okehampton, Devon.

Captain the Hon Christopher Knollys was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent, Colonel-in-Chief of the 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards, today received Brigadier R.J. Baddeley (Colonel of the Regiment).

The Duchess of Kent, Patron of the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, accompanied by The Duke of Kent this evening attended a Musical Soirée and Buffet Supper, in support of the Lord Mayor's Charity Appeal, at Stationers' Hall, Ave Maria Lane, London EC4.

Mrs Peter Wilmot-Stewart and Commander Roger Walker, RN, were in attendance.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent were represented by Lieutenant-Commander Sir Richard Buckley at the Service of Thanksgiving for the life of the Lord Ashburton, KG, which was held in Winchester Cathedral, today.

Queen's Counsel applications

Advocates in private practice who hold rights of audience in the High Court or the Crown Court and who wish to be considered for appointment as Queen's Counsel should apply to the Lord Chancellor's Department, House of Lords, London SW1A 0PW (tel. 071-219 5288 or 071-219 5918) for an application form. The form should be completed and returned to the same address as soon as possible and in any event by Friday, October 18, 1991. Please note that applications will not be accepted after midnight on October 18.

Dinner

Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators Judge Verney, Recorder of London, was the guest speaker at the annual dinner of the London branch of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators held last night at the Baltic Exchange after the annual meeting. Mrs Sylvia Mow, branch chairman, presided.

Mr R.C.T. McLeod and **Miss S.E. Farr**
The engagement is announced between Robin, younger son of Mr and Mrs Derrick McLeod, of Harlington, Bedfordshire, and Sarah, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Farr, of Streatham, Bedfordshire.

Captain A.J. Machin, RE and **Miss P.A. Trotman**
The engagement is announced between Anthony, younger son of Mr and Mrs E. Machin, of Lower Darwen, Lancashire, and Philippa, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Trotman, of Bletchingley, Surrey.

Mr R.T. Moold and **Miss F.H. Baldwin**
The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of Dr and Mrs Richard Moold, of South Croft, Surrey, and Fiona, daughter of Commander and Mrs A.W.H. Baldwin, of Kilmacoll, Renfrewshire.

Mr S.D.R. Odey and **Miss J.R. Campbell**
The engagement is announced between Stephen, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Peter Odey, of Jenner, Cambridgeshire, and Jennifer, daughter of Dr and Mrs Colin Campbell, of Waddesdon, Buckinghamshire.

Mr A.M. Shuttleworth and **Miss F.G. Wolfe Murray**
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of David Shuttleworth and the late Rita Shuttleworth, of Mijas, Spain, and Fiona, daughter of James and Diana Wolfe Murray, of London.

Mr J.P. Tay and **Miss S. Steward**
The engagement is announced between Jonathan Peter, elder son of Albert and Georgina Tay, of Croydon, Surrey, and Caroline, daughter of Mrs Ann Johnson and the late Peter Steward, of Felton, Northumberland.

Mr T. Walker and **Miss J.A. Maers**
The engagement is announced between Thomas, son of Mr and Mrs John Walker, of Laughton, Leicestershire, and Juliette, daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Maers, of Peatling Magna, Leicestershire.

Miss Jean Rook
A memorial service for the life and work of Miss Jean Rook will be held at St Bride's, Fleet Street, on October 22, at noon.

OBITUARIES

PROFESSOR JOHN FAIRBANK

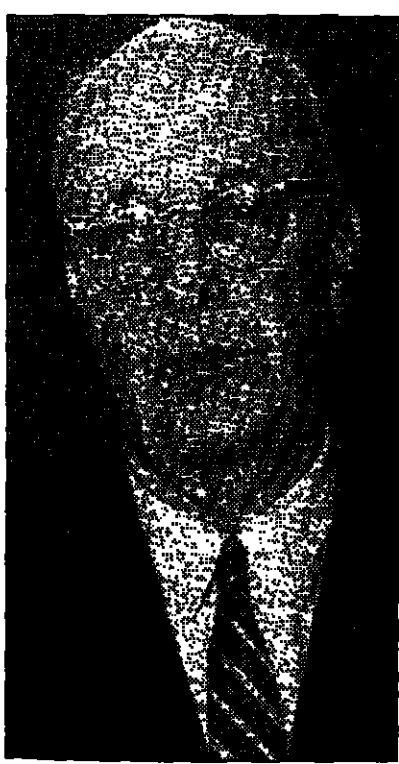
John K. Fairbank, a Harvard history professor who was largely responsible for transforming US policy towards the People's Republic of China in the Nixon era, died of a heart attack in Cambridge, Massachusetts, on September 14 aged 84. He was born on May 24, 1907, in Huron, South Dakota.

JOHN Fairbank was not only a towering figure in the academic field of modern Chinese studies; he practically invented it. Under his tenure, Harvard's East Asian Research Centre - now named after him - became acknowledged as a world leader on the subject, amassing over 300,000 volumes and exerting a profound influence on political thought.

His first experience with China came in 1929, when he was granted a Rhodes scholarship after graduating *summa cum laude* from Harvard. He went to Peking, where he served as lecturer at Tsinghua university, and later travelled widely in a dozen Chinese provinces as a Rockefeller Foundation fellow.

In 1936 Fairbank gained his PhD at Oxford. He then returned to the United States and joined the Harvard faculty, where he set about transforming a discipline which had hitherto been largely concerned with Chinese antiquity. War service took him back to China as special assistant to the American ambassador and later to the director of the United States Information Service, but in 1946 he was back at his desk and working hard to explain modern China to a largely ignorant America.

The result was *The United States of China*, published in 1948, the first of more than two dozen books that Fairbank wrote and edited, and possibly the most influential. Though widely praised for its scholarship, the work drew criticism for its frank assessment of Chiang Kai-shek's nationalist regime.



Fairbank was unrepentant and spent the next few years campaigning for acceptance of the fact that the communists had defeated the nationalists, arguing that the United States should give the new government of China both aid and recognition. His philosophy was simple: "The century during which the Chinese had to live with the Western world is past," he wrote. "Now we both have to learn to live on the same planet." The America of the early 1950s did not want to hear such things. Inevitably Fairbank became caught up in the witch-hunt led by Senator Joseph McCarthy. He was

accused of being a communist and one of those responsible for "losing" China - a charge he vehemently denied.

Despite his denial and subsequent exoneration, Fairbank lost his passport for a time and was forced to recede into the background, along with many other China experts. The experience left him infuriated with the American right wing, and deepened his sympathy with the communist regime in Peking.

"In the dozen years since McCarthy tried to turn the lights out," he wrote in 1966, "academic study of China has gone ahead, but the State Department has groped along without the help of those purged Foreign Service officers whose first-hand experience in China would have provided useful insight." Fairbank was determined that his own voice should not be stifled. During the 1960s he wrote prolifically and lectured across the country, urging the United States to recognise the People's Republic of China, to bring it into the United Nations and to replace Taiwan on the Security Council.

At last he found a willing listener in President Richard Nixon. And when Nixon reversed American policy and recognised Peking in 1972, Fairbank was one of a select group of American scholars invited to the Chinese capital by Premier Chou En-lai. "He often wrote things they didn't like," recalled Roderick MacFarquhar, now director of the John K. Fairbank Centre, "but they recognised him as the master builder in the field."

Fairbank retired from Harvard, where his students had included Theodore H. White, in 1977. But he continued to work tirelessly and finished the editing of his latest book, *China: A New History*, shortly before his death.

He is survived by his wife, Wilma, and two daughters.

JOE PASTERNAK



Joseph Pasternak, Hollywood film producer, died on September 13 in Los Angeles aged 89. He was born in Szilagy-Somlyo, Hungary, on September 19, 1901.

JOSEPH Pasternak - commonly known as Joe - emigrated to America in his late teens, and spent the bulk of his working life in Hollywood. Yet spiritually he never seemed to stray far from Central Europe.

Pasternak believed in old-fashioned, sweet-toothed entertainment, filled with romance, light classical music and nostalgia for the way things were. By the end of his 26 years at MGM Pasternak had brushed against the modern world - after all, he worked with Elvis Presley, but his own musical tastes remained centred on the tuneless realm conquered so effectively by the soprano Deanna Durbin, who bubbled away in the late Thirties and early Forties.

Beginning with *Three Smart Girls* in 1936, Pasternak skillfully guided Durbin's early films, restoring the Universal studio's battered financial fortunes in the process. With Durbin established, he boosted Marlene Dietrich, revivifying her film career with the comedy Western *Destry Rides Again* (1939).

Seven Sinners (1940) and *The Flame of New Orleans* (1941).

Moving to MGM, Pasternak found fresh talent to promote. Kathryn Grayson, a robust soprano, was teamed with Frank Sinatra and Gene Kelly in the popular *Anchors Aweigh* (1945). She appeared with Mario Lanza when he made his screen debut in *That Midnight Kiss* (1949). Lanza was re-engaged by Pasternak in the rather more substantial *The Toast of New Orleans* (1950).

When MGM revived the filming of popular operettas Pasternak was the obvious man to take charge. He steered Lana Turner and Fernando Lamas through a plush but dull *The Merry Widow* (1952);

two years later came *The Student Prince*, with Ann Blyth, Edmund Purdom and the voice of Mario Lanza (weight problems forced him off-camera). Lanza also featured in one of Pasternak's biggest successes, *The Great Caruso* (1950) - a biopic high with platitudes and operatic clichés. Nonetheless it reached a large public and even inspired the young José Carreras with the ambition to become a tenor.

Pasternak had spent the 1920s working his way up the film industry ladder, from dishwasher at Paramount's New York studio canteen to assistant director to Allan Dwan. In 1926 he joined Universal and was appointed manager of their Berlin operations two years later. Back in Europe, Pasternak laid the seeds for his future, producing frothy musicals featuring the Hungarian Franziska Gaal; some scripts provided the basis for his later American films.

When Universal's European outfit closed down in 1935, Pasternak and his regular director Herman Kosterlitz were summoned to Hollywood. Their brand of entertainment fitted happily with the Production Code's new demands. Out went Universal's ghoulies and monsters; in came roses round the door. Deanna Durbin - 14-years-

old when *Three Smart Girls* was filmed - proved the ideal weapon to win back family audiences.

Working with Kosterlitz (his name now changed to Henry Koster), Pasternak built Durbin into an endearing Little Miss Fix-It: a matchmaker and mediator who gets herself into deep water before the inevitable happy ending. *100 Men and a Girl* (1937) pitted her against Leopold Stokowski and his orchestra; in *First Love* (1939) she received her first screen kiss from Robert Stack. There were ten films in all before Pasternak moved to MGM in 1941; Durbin's short career never sparkled as brightly again. At MGM, Pasternak maintained a busy schedule, working with stars old and new, doing his best to bring polish and punch to flimsy scripts. "So light it almost floats," film historian Leslie Halliwell observed about his first MGM production, *Seven Sweethearts*; the comment could stand for most of the films that followed. He kept dispensing airy amusement until the Sixties, but after *The Sweet Ride* in 1967, set among the sleazy young things of Malibu Beach, it was obviously time to retire.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, and three sons.

CAROL WHITE

Carol White, London-born actress, died of liver failure in Miami on September 16 aged 48.

IN NOVEMBER 1966, BBC1 televised a documentary-style play, *Cathy Come Home*, which aroused a nationwide response to the problem of homelessness. In the process it galvanised the career of Carol White who played the rootless, waif-like, blonde young mother of the title. From pushing a pram along Hammersmith High Street she found herself being offered Hollywood contracts and became an instant celebrity. Along with Julie Christie, Carol White became something of a media icon of the Sixties but, unlike Miss Christie, she cornered the working-class blonde market of the period. A wisp of a girl only 5ft 2ins tall but with strong-boned features, she radiated a down to earth style of sex-appeal and was once described as the Battersea Bardot.

Unfortunately, from specialising in playing women with problems she progressed to becoming one herself. Her film career never lived up to its expectations; her celebrity status rested mostly on newspaper interviews and confessions in which she claimed to have had a series of affairs with, among others, Frank Sinatra, Warren Beatty, Oliver Reed, Richard Todd, Adam Faith and Peter Sellers. She admitted descending into a life-style of alcohol and drug abuse, debt and a suicide attempt and was arrested for shoplifting.

The two roles in which White achieved her success were written by Nell Dunn. *Cathy Come Home* was followed the following year by *Poor Cow*, depicting the life of a young London mother who lives in squalor with her criminal husband. This led to her being named by American cinema owners as the most promising new female star of the year.

In 1968 she appeared with Oliver Reed in *I'll Never Forget What's His Name*, a tragicomic about the Sixties' advertising world; the following year in a suspense-thriller *Daddy's Gone A-Hunting*; and in 1970 with Rod Taylor in *The Man Who Had Power Over Women*. In 1971 she played a farm girl in love with a hermit played by John Mills in a film version of the H. E. Bates story *Dulcima* and, with

Dean Martin, in a western, *Something Big*.

Carol White was the daughter of a fairly prosperous London scrap metal dealer and attended the Corona Stage School in London. She had her first film part at the age of 11 and another when she was 15. A year later she was in the Peter Sellers film *Never Let Go*. At 17 she appeared as a seductive play-girl in *A Matter of Who*. When she was 18 however she married Michael King, eldest of the singing King Brothers, and gave up her acting career for domesticity and rearing her two children.

Her success after *Cathy Come Home* led, she said, to the break-up of her marriage and her disastrous move to America. In 1972 she married a Beverly Hills psychiatrist, Stuart Lerner, but was divorced three years later. In 1976 she returned to Britain where she played a kidnaper victim in *The Squeeze*, a thriller also featuring David Hemmings and Edward Fox.

But her career was on the slide. Film offers dried up. In 1982, returning to the source of her early success, White made her stage debut by



joining the cast of Nell Dunn's West End success, *Steaming*. But she was soon sacked by the producer for missing 15 performances, which she later attributed to her drug binges. Back in California, her third husband, Michael Arnold, an American musician 12 years her junior, whom she had married in 1977, ran off with an Italian beauty.

In one of her later interviews she sadly admitted that her initial move to Hollywood had been a mistake: "I don't have the kind of talent you can transplant easily, I suppose." She is survived by her two sons from her first marriage.

DAVID PRING

Remé Short writes:

MANY past and present Members of Parliament have reason to be grateful to David Pring (obituary August 17) for his unfailing good humour and excellent advice.

He was especially kind to new members arriving in parliament, as I remember very well. He willingly spent time explaining parliamentary procedure which is quite unlike anything one had ever

met before. Complicated as it was at times, though firmly based on precedent, David explained it all with great care. It was always clear what one could do - and could not do - and what one might possibly try to do if one approached the problem in a rather different way. He was always right.

I and many others have much to be grateful to David Pring for - and we remember him with great affection.

Constable's landmark lock to be renovated

By JOHN SHAW

FLATFORD lock in the heart of Constable country north of Colchester, Essex, is to be restored at a cost of £30,000 by the River Stour Trust. Work will begin early next month.

The lock is one of the most famous pieces of industrial history in the country and featured in many of John Constable's scenes of Dedham Vale. The original, next to Flatford mill at East Bergholt, Suffolk, was rebuilt by the South Essex Waterworks Company in the 1930s. At the request of Sir Alfred Munnings and other artists, it retained the look of the structure known to Constable.

The lock gates were built in

the traditional style with paddles operated by a winding chain attached to a capstan on the bank. Crossbeams were fitted over the gates. In recent years, the structure has deteriorated and now needs complete reconstruction. Barge traffic ceased in about 1928 and its present use is largely for pleasure craft. Equipment and manpower to drain the lock will be provided free by the National Rivers Authority. The trust controls the lock's navigational functions and was approached earlier this year by the R.T.C. Corporation, one of the world's largest mining groups, which offered to finance the scheme.

Memorial service

Lord Ashburton

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were represented by Sir Cenydd Trueman, KC, at the service of thanksgiving for the life of Lord Ashburton held yesterday in Winchester Cathedral. The Prince of Wales was represented by Earl Waldegrave, Princess Margaret by Mr Oliver Baring and the Duke and Duchess of Kent by Lieutenant-Commander Sir Richard Buckley.

The Dean of Winchester officiated, assisted by the Rev G. Trasler and the Rev C.R. Smith.

The Hon Alexander Baring, grandson, and the Hon Mrs Michael Vaughan, granddaughter, read the lessons and the Bishop of Winchester gave the address and pronounced the blessing. The Bishop of Basingstoke was robed and in the Sanctuary.

The Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire and Lady Scott, the Lord Lieutenant of the Isle of Wight and the Mayor and Mayoress of Winchester were present.

Requiem mass

Dr Andrew Heley

A Requiem mass for Dr Andrew Heley was celebrated yesterday at All Saints', Margaret Street, W1, by the Rev David Hunt, who was assisted by the Rev Peter McGeary. The Rev Dr John Cullen, director of training, Diocese of Winchester, gave an address.

Luncheon

National Sporting Club
The Prime Minister was the guest of honour and principal speaker at a luncheon of the National Sporting Club held yesterday at the Cafe Royal as part of the club's centenary celebrations.

Appointments

Latest appointments include:

Mr Owen Thomas Benjamin David and Mr David Reed to be full-time Chairmen of Industrial Tribunal 7 respectively. Mr David is assigned to the Sheffield office of the Leeds region and Mr Reed to the Newcastle region.

Archaeology

Researchers claim language began only 40,000 years ago

By NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

TWO Australians have started an archaeological controversy by suggesting that human language has existed for only 40,000 years. Since modern man *homo sapiens* is now known to be at least 100,000 years old in Africa, their proposal would mean that our own species as well as Neanderthal man conversed in grunts and gestures for tens of thousands of years.

The hypothesis advanced by the archaeologists William Noble and Iain Davidson of the University of New England (*Man* 26, 223-254) is based on the sudden change in material and symbolic culture that occurred in the Upper Palaeolithic period around 40,000 years ago. It is only after this date that complex representations of ideas, such as are expressed in the cave art of southwestern France at places like Lascaux, appear in the archaeological record.

The authors argue that before this time, artefacts were functionally designed and lacked symbolic content, and that such content is the only reliable evidence that language existed. It was this dramatic development that gave humanity the selective advantage to spread rapidly across the rest of the world, including Australia and the Americas and to develop agriculture and eventually civilisation.

Their view has been challenged by Robert Foley, of Cambridge University, who notes that studies of other species of animals and birds have documented surprisingly

complex communication systems. "Primates in particular are highly social, and should be among the most developed. If this is true, it is all the more improbable that the early hominids did not have some form of language," he says (*Nature* 353, 114-5).

Archaeologists have long argued that the careful design and production of tools such as the Acheulean handaxe of 300,000 years ago indicates the use of language to transmit information between individuals, across distance and down the generations.

Dr Foley believes that such pre-modern human language may have been stable over a long period, like technology before the Upper Palaeolithic.

while both may have changed rapidly in the past 40,000 years. "A number of times of evidence suggest that all extant human languages have their origins in the last 100,000 years, a period associated with the origins and dispersal of modern *Homo sapiens*," he says.

He believes that information processing in the human brain, including the capacity for abstract thought, may have developed early, but that the need to communicate remained limited until around 40,000 years ago, when symbol systems developed.

He believes that the advent of language cannot be decoupled with anatomical changes.

Birthdays today

Mr John Dankworth, jazz musician, 64; Mr Geoffrey Dear, HM Inspector of Constabulary, Worcester, 54; the Very Rev George Earle, 31, former headmaster, Stonyhurst College, 66; Sir Douglas Falconer, former High Court judge, 77; the Right Rev C.W. James, Bishop of Winchester, 65; Lieutenant-General Sir Gary Johnson, 54; Miss Sophia Loren, actress, 57; Sir Duncan McDonald, former chairman, Northern Engineering Industries, 70; Miss Anne McIntosh, MEP, 37; Sir Roder-

ick MacLeod, chairman, Lloyd's Register of Shipping, 62; Professor R.H.H. McMinn, anatomist, 68; Miss Jane Manning, soprano, 53; Sir Stuart Milner-Barry, civil servant and chess champion, 83; Sir David Nicolson, former chairman, BTR, 69; Miss Christine Oddy, MEP, 36; the Right Rev Kenneth Riches, 83; Mr José Rivera, golfer, 36; Chief Justice, Cayman Islands, 71; Sir John Whitehead, diplomat, 59; Mr Fred Winter, racehorse trainer, 65.

Cooks' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Cooks' Company for the ensuing year:
Master, Mr H.E. Taylor; Second Master, Mr S.J. Horridge; Warden, Mr R.P. Horne; Renter Warden, Mr N.D. Phillips.

Glaziers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Glaziers' Company for the ensuing year:
Master, Mr A.R. Fisher; Upper Warden, Mr S.M. Lever; Renter Warden, Mr N. Burston.

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BBC 1

- 6.00 **Ceeba** 6.30 **BBC Breakfast News**
 9.05 **Perfect Strangers**. American comedy series 9.30 **The Little Theatre**. The second of two programmes on the picturesque Barmston to Lynton line in north Devon (r)
 10.00 **News**, regional news and weather 10.05 **Playdays** (r) 10.25 **Bump** (r) 10.35 **Raggy Ann** and Andy
 11.00 **News**, regional news and weather 11.05 **Golf**. Live coverage of the second round of the Epsom grand prix from the St Pierre Golf and Country club, Cherbourg. Includes news, regional news and weather 12.00 **12.55 Regional news and weather**
 1.00 **One O'Clock News** and weather 2.00 **Neighbours** (Ceeba) (s)
 1.50 **Film: Careful, He Might Hear You** (1983) starring Wendy Hughes and Robyn Nevin. Well-made Australian drama, with more humour than the theme might suggest, about a six-year-old boy at the centre of a custody battle between the aunt who is bringing him up and her wealthy sister who wants to lavish her money on him. Directed by Carl Schultz 3.40 **LifeLine**. Angharad Rees makes an appeal on behalf of Extend (r)
 3.50 **Turtle** (r) 3.55 **The Little Green Planet Show**. The second of a six-part science series. Today's subjects are time, temperature, thermometers and telephones (s) 4.10 **Heatstroke** with Carla and Co (r) 4.25 **Tricky Business**. The last in the magical comedy drama series
 5.00 **Newsround**. Juliet Morris and Krishnan Guru-Murthy preview Matsuri, a Japanese carnival to be held in London's Hyde Park this weekend 5.10 **Grange Hill**. Episode four (r) (Ceeba) (s)
 5.35 **Neighbours** (r) (Ceeba) (s). Northern Ireland. Inside Usher
 6.00 **Six O'Clock News** with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. Weather 6.30 **Regional news** magazines. Northern Ireland. Neighbours
 7.00 **Wogan** with Gloria Hunniford. Tonight's guests include actresses Julie Walters and Angie Dickinson (s)
 7.30 **Dad's Army**. Timeless comedy about the Warrington-on-Sea Home Guard. This week they take the story of St George for a "Wings of Victory" week and end up with one dragon too many (r) (Ceeba). Northern Ireland. Sportszone
 8.00 **The Russ Abbot Show**. A further collection of comedy sketches including Abbot as a headmaster of a public school trying to persuade a pupil who has been there for 64 years to leave. (Ceeba) (s)
 8.30 **On the Up**. Bob Larbey's lame comedy starring Dennis Waterman as a self-made millionaire. (Ceeba) (s)
 9.00 **Nine O'Clock News** with Michael Barker. (Ceeba) Regional news and weather
 9.30 **Casualty**. Realistic medical drama. This week's multi-stranded episode features an unconscious teenage runaway, a man showing symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning, a child hurt in a school playground accident and a young man who almost drowns in a swimming pool trying to impress a girl. (Ceeba) (s)



Bowing out at a ripe old age: cellist Pablo Casals (10.20pm)

- 10.20 **Omnibus: Song of the Birds** - A Portrait of Pablo Casals. CHOICE: The Spanish cellist Pablo Casals lived to the age of 97, was active almost to the end and could claim the extraordinary distinction of having played to both Queen Victoria and President Kennedy. His longevity may have been largely due to his Puerto Rican wife, Maria, whom he married when he was 80 and she was 21. Yehudi Menuhin says in this programme that he can think of no old age that was more successful. Faced with his late life to cover, Anna Benson Gyles's film largely eschews chronology and moves freely across time and theme. This sometimes gives the portrait an odd shape, with the birth and early career turning up half way through. Much is made of the influence of a formidable mother who in the early years had literally to push him on to the stage. But the musical achievement of Casals is left to speak for itself, with little attempt to pinpoint the qualities which made him special. Northern Ireland. Gala Evening
 11.25 **Film: J. Edgar Hoover** (1986) starring Treat Williams in the title role, with Rip Torn as Lyndon Johnson and M*A*S*H's Donald Ogden Stern as Franklin D. Roosevelt. A efficient made-for-television biopic of the long-serving head of the FBI and scourge of eight successive American presidents. Directed by Robert Collins. Northern Ireland. 11.20 **Omnibus** 12.15am-1.20 **Film: Nightstalker** 1.15am **Weather**
 NB: (s) indicates stereo

BBC 2

- 6.45 **Open University: Physics - Electrons and Protons** Ends at 7.10
 6.00 **News**
 8.15 **The Gun**. Last in the series tracing the history and development of firearms (r)
 8.30 **The Journey**. On the last leg of their journey along the old pilgrims' way, Peter Terson and Dennis Skidmore reach Canterbury Cathedral via a coterie farm (r)
 9.00 **Daytime on Two**. Educational programmes
 2.00 **News** and weather followed by **Words and Pictures** (r) 2.15 **Weekend Outlook** (r)
 2.20 **Sport on Friday**. Helen Rolison introduces the first of a new series of sporting action. This week's line-up is (subject to alteration) Golf: second round action in the Epsom grand prix from the St Pierre Golf and Country club, Cherbourg. Tennis: the opening singles matches in the Davis Cup match between England and Australia at the Northern Lawn Tennis club, Manchester. The commentators are Bill Trefall and Mark Cook. Racing from Newbury: the Status Quo Stakes (2.40); the People's Sporting Life Championship 3-y-o Handicap Stakes (3.15); the Haynes Hanson and Clark Stakes (3.50); and the Jack Collier Memorial Stakes (4.25). Football: action from the European competitions. Includes news and weather at 3.50
 6.00 **Thursday**
 CHOICE: In an unashamed tilt at the nostalgia market, but no doubt hoping to make new enthusiasts along the way, BBC2 is repeating all 32 episodes of the 1960s puppet show. The man behind *Thunderbirds* was Gerry Anderson, an animator also responsible for *Stingray* and *Tarzan*. Anderson saw the show as a spoof on James Bond, then just launched on his cinema career. Bond was already something of a spoof, but no matter. Anderson, co-creator of the series with his then wife Sylvia, was inventive enough to put new life into familiar routines. Intended for children, the series became equally enjoyed by grown-ups and acquired a cult following. The puppets largely made it. So here again are trouble shooter left Tony, his five sons all named after American astronauts and the glamorous Lady Penelope with her pink Rolls and butler ("Yus, m'lady") Parker. (Ceeba)



Thunderbirds are go: the puppets ready for take-off (6.00pm)

- 6.50 **Supersense**. The first in a repeat of the spectacular six-part nature series includes a bird's eye view of migratory geese and the undersea world of sharks and dolphins (r) (Ceeba)
 7.20 **What the Papers Say**. Alan Rusbridger of *The Guardian* looks at press coverage of the Spencer family controversy and compares it with that of the Tyneside street violence
 7.35 **Athletics: IAAF Grand Prix Final**. The climax of the grand prix season from Barcelona, the host city for next summer's Olympics
 8.30 **Gardens' World**. Dr Stefan Buczacki visits a secret Victorian garden in Heligan Manor, an early 17th-century house near Mevagissey in Cornwall
 9.00 **Film: Roadhouse 66** (1984) starring William Dalton and Judge Reinhold. Noisy comedy drama about a spilt rich kid who teams up with a fading rock star to take on the locals in Arizona's Route 66 rally. The soundtrack features the Pretenders, Dave Edmunds and Los Lobos. Directed by John Huston. (Ceeba)
 10.30 **Newsnight** presented by Peter Snow 11.15 **Weather**
 11.20 **Film: The Life of Oharu** (1952, b/w)
 CHOICE: Kenji Mizoguchi died only in his late fifties, yet he directed some 80 films and was one of great traditional figures of Japanese cinema. His career began in 1922 and his early films often tackled contemporary social issues. Later he switched to period dramas, though they still reflected his social concern. *The Life of Oharu* is a story told in flashback, a 17th-century courtesan whose life had been a samurai's daughter at the imperial palace but gone into tragic decline. The suffering of women was a consistent Mizoguchi theme and *The Life of Oharu* was described by one critic as "the most powerful feminist protest recorded on film". *The Life of Oharu* is typical of Mizoguchi's work in its spare, elegant style typified by long takes and a minimum of camera movement. The central role is played by Kinuyo Tanaka, a favourite Mizoguchi actress who became Japan's first woman film director. Ends at 1.35am
 NB: (s) indicates stereo

ITV

- 6.00 **TV-am**
 9.25 **Rugby**. General knowledge quiz with holiday prizes. The questionmaster is Richard Madeley (s) 9.55 **Thames News** and weather
 10.00 **The Time... The Place...** Topical discussion series chaired by Mike Scott
 10.40 **This Morning**. Family magazine presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley. Today's edition includes news of a dating agency for vegetarians, a layman's guide to small jobs around the home and fashion, hair and make-up ideas. With national and international news at 10.55 and regional news at 11.55 followed by national weather
 12.10 **Rainbow**. Educational series for the young
 12.30 **News** with John Suckell 1.15 **Thames News** and weather
 1.20 **Home and Away** (Oracle) 1.50 **A Country Practice**. Australian medical drama series (s)
 2.20 **Children's News**. Children's news and weather presented by Michael Parkinson (s)
 3.15 **ITN News** headlines 3.20 **Thames News** headlines 3.25 **The Young Doctors**. Medical drama series set in a large Australian city hospital
 3.55 **The Raggy Dolls**. Animated adventures of seven toy factory rejects 4.05 **Victor and Hugo**. Cartoon adventures of two incompetent French crooks (s)



Jesting with the schoolboy contestants: Paul Valentine (4.30pm)

- 4.30 **Knightmare**. Young people tackle challenges in a computer-generated dungeon 5.00 **Cartoon**. Porky Pig in Dough for the Dodo
 5.10 **Home and Away** (r) (Oracle)
 5.40 **News** with Fiona Bruce (Oracle) Weather
 5.55 **Crime Monthly Preview**
 6.00 **Six O'Clock Live** presented by Frank Bough. Includes Liza Minnelli talking about her new film *Stepping Out*, music from Status Quo and a pre-bight interview with Chris Eubank and Michael Watson as well as the light promoter Barry Heam.
 7.00 **The \$64,000 Question**. Quiz game show hosted by Bob Monkhouse (s)
 7.30 **Coronation Street** (Oracle)
 8.00 **You Bet** presented by Matthew Kelly. Includes an Italian restaurant attempting to cook and serve spaghetti to 20 people in three minutes, and an archery expert attempts to shoot an arrow through 12 rings mounted behind each other. The celebrity guests are Ruth Madley, Wayne Dobson and George Logan (s)
 9.00 **The Trials of Rosie O'Neill**. Watchable American courtroom drama starring Sharon Gless as a lawyer who gave up a lucrative practice to become a public defender. In this episode she takes on a young, abused prostitute accused of manslaughter. (Oracle) (s)
 10.00 **News** at Ten with Alastair Stewart and Julia Somerville. (Oracle) Weather 10.55 **LWT News** and weather
 10.40 **Top of the Pops**. Top 10 songs appeals for information about unsolved crimes in the London area
 11.40 **International Athletics**. Highlights from the final meeting of the IAAF grand prix season, introduced by Jim Rosenthal. The commentators at the Olympic stadium in Barcelona are Alan Parry, Steve Ovett and Peter Matthews
 12.35am **Elvis: Good Rockin' Tonight**. Dramatised version of the early career of the king of rock 'n' roll (s)
 1.05 **Rescue 811**. Witness the Shetland rescue stories of ordinary people who have demonstrated exceptional bravery
 2.05 **American Gladiators**. Trials of strength and ingenuity for both sexes
 3.05 **CinemAttractions**. Charlie Tuna with the latest news from Hollywood
 3.35 **Raw Power**. Rock videos
 4.35 **Garrison's Gorillas**. Second world war exploits of a group of irregular American soldiers
 5.30 **ITN Morning News** with Bridget Rose. Ends at 6.00
 NB: (s) indicates stereo

CHANNEL 4

- 6.00 **Channel 4 Daily**
 9.25 **Schools**
 12.00 **Broken Silence: Invisible Roots**. The Spanish natural history series continues with a look at the spectacular and surprising journeys undertaken by some species (r)
 12.30 **Business Daily**
 1.00 **Sesame Street**. American award-winning pre-school learning series (r)
 2.00 **Art of the Western World**. Programme four of Michael Wood's 19-part series on the history of Western art explores the age of Gothic architecture (r)
 2.30 **Channel 4 Racing** from Ayr. Derek Thompson introduces live coverage of the Johnnie Walker Whisky Handicap (2.35); the Dick Peacock Stakes (Graduation Stakes) (3.10); the Ladbrokes (Ayr) Gold Cup (3.40); and the Ladbrokes Recycled Nursery Handicap (4.10)
 4.30 **Countdown**. Richard Whiteley with another round of the words and numbers game (r)
 5.00 **The Enchanted Sea**. The series on the Mediterranean and its people focuses on the wooden shipbuilders (r). (Teletext)
 5.30 **I Love Lucy** (b/w). Vintage 1950s comedy starring Lucille Ball as a scatterbrained wife
 6.00 **Roseanne**. Widescreen blue collar comedy starring the outsize gear of Roseanne Barr and John Goodman (r)
 6.30 **Something's Something**. Includes interviews with Liza Minnelli who talks about her new film *Stepping Out*, Mat and Luke Goss, Rowland Rivron and Bill Oddie. Plus reviews of the films *Teen Agent* and *FX2*
 7.00 **Channel 4 News** with Jon Snow and Zainab Badawi. (Teletext). Weather
 7.50 **First Reaction**. Film director Ken Loach on the growing influence of the film industry on party political broadcasts
 8.00 **Brookside**. Topical drama series set in a suburban Merseyside close. (Teletext) (s)
 8.30 **Anton Moshman**. Naturally. In third of his series chef Moshman explores the cuisine of Hungary. He prepares a simple mushroom goulash and, in recognition of Italy's influence, a combination of spinach gnocchi with paprika sauce. (Teletext)
 9.00 **Cheers**. A repeat of the first series of the award-winning comedy set in a Boston bar. Ted hosts a launch party when a former baseball team-mate publishes his autobiography, not knowing that book contains embarrassing revelations. (Teletext)
 9.30 **Garden Club**. Roy Lancaster, Matthew Sidge and Rebecca Pow address the difficulties of gardening on a coastal site in Suffolk. Plus advice on seasonal vegetables and coping with rampaging rabbits. (Teletext)



Novel romance: Brian Benben and Stella Stevens (10.00pm)

- 10.00 **Dream On**. Martin (Brian Benben) tries to set up a book deal and runs into romantic complications. (Teletext) (s)
 10.35 **Packet of Three**. Comedy and poetry series presented by Henry Normal, Frank Skinner and Jenny Eclair. This week's guests include America's Reduced Shakespeare Company who run through the complete works of Shakespeare at a hectic pace
 11.20 **The Best of the Paul Hogan Show**. Antipodean humour (r)
 11.50 **The Happiness** presented by Joie Holland. The guests are comedians Jack Dee and Sean Hughes with music from Sarah Jane Morris, Eddi Reader, Ian Shaw and Sam Brown (s)
 12.50am **One Night Stand**. American comedienne Paula Poundstone on stage in San Francisco (s)
 1.20 **Film: Danger List** (1957, b/w) starring Philip Friend, Mervyn Johns and Honor Blackman. Medical drama about a doctor and a pharmacist in race against time to trace three batches of lethal pills that have been dispensed in error. Ends at 1.45
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ANGLIA

- As London except 2.20pm-2.50 The Absolute Beginner's Guide to Cooking 5.10-5.40 **Home and Away** 6.25-7.00 **Anglia News** 10.40-11.40 **The World's Worst**

BORDER

- As London except 6.00 Lookaround Friday 6.30-7.00 **The High Road** 10.40-11.40 **Children** 1.05-1.40 **Home and Away** 1.55-2.30 **Anglia News** 2.30-3.00 **Children's News** 3.05-3.30 **Anglia News** 3.35-4.00 **Anglia News** 4.05-4.30 **Anglia News** 4.35-5.00 **Anglia News** 5.05-5.30 **Anglia News** 5.35-6.00 **Anglia News** 6.05-6.30 **Anglia News** 6.35-7.00 **Anglia News** 7.05-7.30 **Anglia News** 7.35-8.00 **Anglia News** 8.05-8.30 **Anglia News** 8.35-9.00 **Anglia News** 9.05-9.30 **Anglia News** 9.35-10.00 **Anglia News** 10.05-10.30 **Anglia News** 10.35-11.00 **Anglia News** 11.05-11.30 **Anglia News** 11.35-12.00 **Anglia News** 12.05-12.30 **Anglia News** 12.35-1.00 **Anglia News** 1.05-1.30 **Anglia News** 1.35-2.00 **Anglia News** 2.05-2.30 **Anglia News** 2.35-3.00 **Anglia News** 3.05-3.30 **Anglia News** 3.35-4.00 **Anglia News** 4.05-4.30 **Anglia News** 4.35-5.00 **Anglia News** 5.05-5.30 **Anglia News** 5.35-6.00 **Anglia News** 6.05-6.30 **Anglia News** 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Salomon forced to draw on 'savings'

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON
IN NEW YORK

THE illegal dealing scandal at Salomon Brothers, the powerful Wall Street investment bank once capable of taking billion-dollar positions in stocks and bonds, is forcing it to sell large amounts of what are effectively its savings.

In a statement to the Securities and Exchange Commission, the bank disclosed that the downgrading of its credit rating by five agencies had increased the difficulty of unsecured borrowing. Salomon said it had sold "substantial" amounts of securities to help fund its business.

Wall Street says the effect will be to reduce Salomon's balance sheet to the size it was earlier this year or last, and will inhibit its ability to take large trading positions in shares and bonds, which has been the powerhouse of its profits.

Warren Buffett, the Salomon chairman, has already instructed Citibank and Morgan Guaranty Trust Company to raise a multibillion secured loan after he met more than 100 bankers a week ago to calm their anxiety over Salomon's ability to continue repaying unsecured debt.

Salomon said in a statement that the firm was in no financial trouble. "Our liquidity remains very strong, and our customer flow is good."

The bank is under investigation by the SEC, the US Treasury, the Federal Reserve, the anti-trust division of the Justice Department and regulators of 33 individual states in which it is licensed.

The firm also faces 35 lawsuits from its shareholders and others alleging they have been damaged by Salomon's admitted illegal actions in US Treasury bond auctions over the past nine months.

With its third-quarter results next month, the bank is expected to announce it will make a multimillion dollar provision for fines and other penalties likely to be levied as a result of the scandal.

ICI agrees sale of division to Japanese

By ANGELA MACKAY

ICI has signed heads of agreement for the sale of its speciality compounds business to Kawasaki Steel for \$100 million. The disposal is part of a restructuring of the chemicals group intended to strip it back to core businesses where it can occupy a leading position globally.

Headquartered in Pennsylvania, the business is a supplier of high performance thermoplastic compounds to the automotive, electronic and aerospace industries. With an annual turnover of \$100 million, it makes a small profit, unlike the former advanced materials division as a whole, of which it was part.

The 400 jobs which will be transferred with the sale take the number of job losses in the past year to 12,000, in line with ICI's stated goals.

Advanced material is one of the main areas from which ICI is seeking to withdraw, mainly because the profitability simply has not justified the initial investment. The group spent \$750 million to buy Beatrice, the American group, in 1985.

Analysts at UBS Phillips & Drew said the \$100 million was a fair price based on the turnover and profit, "but in the context of the investment in this area over the last five years, it could be viewed as disappointing".

Kawasaki Steel has been diversifying over the past couple of years, both geographically and in product. The purchase of the ICI business gives it four sites in America and one in The Netherlands as well as broadening its field beyond traditional metals manufacturing. ICI has focused attention on

advanced materials in its restructuring and, apart from the sale of speciality compounds, it has closed Victrex PES. The main businesses left — Victrex, Feek, Supopolymers and ICI Composites — are likely to be sold this year. In addition, several research jobs were cut in January in preparation for withdrawing from the sector.

When ICI announced its interim results in July, Sir Denys Henderson, the chairman, said business disposals would raise £500 million cash and the entire restructuring, which will continue into next year, would improve the group's profits by £400 million a year by 1993.

The flowthrough benefits of the reshaping were realised earlier than expected with the company reporting half-year profits of £507 million, £50 million more than analysts' predictions. The sale of speciality compounds is likely to be completed by the end of October.



Selling to raise profits: ICI's Sir Denys Henderson

Wider trade gap points to recovery in America

By COLIN NARBROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

A SURGE in imports of cars and consumer goods shown in America's official figures for July, provided fresh evidence of recovery at the cost of a dramatically wider trade gap.

After an eight-year low of \$3.79 billion in June, the trade deficit jumped 55.6 per cent to \$5.9 billion, reflecting a 6.2 per cent rise in imports.

Wall Street economists saw

the revived demand for foreign goods offering fresh hope that the consumer was becoming bolder after being subdued, although this has not been supported by more recent indicators.

The July trade deficit, which was bigger than expected, was the largest since January. Subsequent months could show worsening deficits

if consumer demand for foreign goods is sustained. Growth in exports, which has in recent months been a key factor in pulling the economy out of recession, only grew a modest 0.8 per cent in July, as overseas economies weakened.

After the first seven months of this year, the trade deficit was running at an annual rate of \$61.6 billion, its lowest since 1983. There is concern, however, that the improvement will only prove temporary as economic recovery proceeds.

Japanese economic growth faltered in the second quarter of this year, but shows little sign of becoming a slump, according to latest assessment from the Economic Planning Agency (EPA). The gross national product slowed sharply in the second quarter to show annualised growth of 2 per cent in real terms. In the first quarter, GNP was running at 11 per cent.

Although Japan is likely to avoid a recession, the dramatic slowdown has reduced growth to low levels by Tokyo's standards. Gerard Lyons, chief economist for DKB International, said the deceleration increased the pressure for an early cut in Japanese interest rates, which has been on the cards since the latest reduction of the American discount rate.

Yasuo Katsumura, deputy minister at the EPA, said the economy was still growing and added that capital investment by the corporate sector was expected to continue to rise. He said it was likely that the GDP growth target of 3.8 per cent for 1991-2 could be achieved.

The EPA put annual inflation in the second quarter at a mere 1.8 per cent, down from 2.2 per cent in the previous quarter.

Mr Verrey will take up the position in January next year but will also retain his current post. Mr David-Weill will become deputy chairman, as well as remaining chairman of Lazard Partners, the holding company of the international group.

Mr David-Weill's resignation comes after he has been chairman for two years. During that time, he has pulled the three banks in the Lazard group, in London, Paris and New York, more closely together to co-operate on international merger and acquisition work.

He was keen to stress yesterday that the change would not affect that process. "The firms are going to deepen their relationship but preserve their identity," he said. He said the task of chairman was better carried on by someone based

BT opens challenge against US giants

By ROSS TIEMAN
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BT HAS launched a new company, Syncordia, aimed at managing the global communications networks of international businesses.

Headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, the company will compete with the American companies, AT&T and MCI, for a world market which, it is estimated, could be worth \$1.8 billion by 1994.

Iain Vallance, BT's chairman, said Syncordia would aim to provide a full range of voice, data and image services to companies under contract. Network management centres in Atlanta, London and Tokyo will run local networks, but each will also be capable of running the entire network.

Offices in these centres, along with another in Paris, will chase business opportunities, and service support will be provided by 70 offices worldwide. "Hundreds" of staff will be employed, half of them initially on secondment from other BT businesses.

BT declined to say how much it was investing in Syncordia. Outside Britain and America, monopoly regulations are likely to inhibit Syncordia from providing a full range of services at the outset.

Mr Vallance said NTT, the Japanese telecommunications company, was "interested" and investigating how they might participate in Syncordia. Deutsche Bundespost Telekom, the German telephone company, "remains enthusiastic" but had other issues to consider, he said.

Anthony Booth, the managing director of the business communications division of BT, said contracts with individual companies worth up to £50 million a year were envisaged. Syncordia was negotiating to provide services to three companies: Amadeus, the airline reservation system owned jointly by Air France, Lufthansa and Iberia; BP Chemicals; and IBM in Europe.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Restructuring costs depress Logica profits

EXCEPTIONAL restructuring costs, amounting to £6.41 million, and losses from American operations were largely responsible for a 58 per cent drop in full-year pre-tax profits at Logica, the computing services company. They plunged to £3.68 million in the year to end-June, down from £8.82 million last time. Turnover grew to £197.8 million (£190.8 million).

Logica suffered a 1.6p loss per share, compared with earnings of 8.7p. However, the final dividend is raised to 2.35p (2.3p), making 3.5p (3.4p) for the year. Discontinuing certain business sectors in America and a provision for surplus office costs, arising from a previous closure, led to an extraordinary charge of £4.23 million.

Liberty Life suspended

SHARES in Liberty Life, South Africa's third largest life insurer, were temporarily suspended in Johannesburg and London at the request of the company. No reason was given for the suspension, but it is thought to relate to Liberty's stake of 53 per cent in TransAtlantic Holdings, held through First International Trust.

InishTech advances

INISHTECH, the industrial holding company that is a subsidiary of the James Crean Group, lifted pre-tax profits to £163.09 million (£2.84 million) in the half year to end-June, against £162.92 million. Fully diluted earnings per share edged up to 16p (15.9p). Once again, there is no interim dividend.

Booker sells subsidiary

BOOKER has sold its Booker Nutritional Products (BNP) to Ferrosan, a subsidiary of Novo Nordisk, the Danish group, for £11.4 million cash including repayment of intra-group debt. BNP is a supplier of vitamins and dietary supplements to the British market.

Booker is retaining the Allinson wholemeal flour business, previously part of BNP, but will review the future of its 60 per cent holding in P Leiner Nutritional Products, a Californian company.

Bentalls dives to £207,000

BENTALLS, the department store group, saw pre-tax profits fall for the six months to August 3 from £301,000 to £207,000 after a poor start to the year and an interest charge rise. Earnings per share fell from 0.44p to 0.3p and the interim dividend is maintained at 0.6p. The shares were unchanged at 164p.

Aegis Group to raise £5m

AEGIS Group is placing 2.6 million ordinary shares at 206p each, which will raise about £5.2 million, net of expenses. The placing, which is being made in connection with the proposed listing on the Paris Bourse, is expected to be with institutional and other investors in France. Aegis's shares eased 2p to 208p.

TI buys French firm

THE TI Group has agreed to buy Cyclam, a leading French manufacturer of engineered seals, from Magneti Marelli. TI will pay Fr43 million for the business, which manufactures seals for industrial water markets and specialises in high-volume seals for automotive and domestic appliance applications. TI plans to invest a further Fr35 million restructuring the acquired business, which will become part of John Crane International.

Verrey to take Lazard's chair

By NEIL BENNETT
BANKING CORRESPONDENT

MICHEL David-Weill is stepping down as chairman of Lazard Brothers, the London merchant bank, to make way for David Verrey, the chief executive.

Mr Verrey will take up the position in January next year but will also retain his current post. Mr David-Weill will become deputy chairman, as well as remaining chairman of Lazard Partners, the holding company of the international group.

Mr David-Weill's resignation comes after he has been chairman for two years. During that time, he has pulled the three banks in the Lazard group, in London, Paris and New York, more closely together to co-operate on international merger and acquisition work.

He was keen to stress yesterday that the change would not affect that process. "The firms are going to deepen their relationship but preserve their identity," he said. He said the task of chairman was better carried on by someone based



Verrey: adopting dual role

in London, while he travels between Lazard's various operations.

Mr Verrey defended the company's decision to ignore the current fashion among companies for dividing the role of chairman and chief executive. "We are a private company and run like a partnership, so there is no single man commanding from the top. There are checks and counter checks," he said.

Davis falls 29% in first half

By OUR CITY STAFF

DAVIS Service Group, the motor dealing to industrial services group that was formerly known as Godfrey Davis (Holdings), suffered a 29.4 per cent fall in pre-tax profits to £7.06 million in the first half of this year.

Group turnover contracted to £155 million, against £166.3 million previously. Earnings per share fell to 5.61p (7.74p), but the interim dividend is held at 2.75p.

The company said the decline in activity in its linen hire and laundry business, brought on by the recession in the United Kingdom, was exacerbated by the impact of the Gulf war on hotel occupancy. The group's vehicle and supply service business, meanwhile, suffered a substantial drop in profits.

The dealership activities, most of which were sold in July, were affected by a significant fall in demand for new and used vehicles. There was an extraordinary loss of £2.15 million, mainly relating to the disposal of two motor dealership subsidiaries. The shares rose 8p to 160p.

"Firm action will continue to be taken to reduce operating costs and improve control over working capital."

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

For the six months ended 30 June	Half year to 30 June 1991	Half year to 30 June 1990	Year to 31 December 1990
Turnover	£402.9m	£446.5m	£928.1m
Return on sales before exceptional items	5.1%	6.5%	6.0%
Profit before tax	£14.5m	£24.6m	£40.2m
Earnings per ordinary share	3.3p	5.7p	9.0p
Dividends per ordinary share	2.0p	2.0p	5.4p
Shareholders' funds	£144.9m	£130.4m	£138.1m

THE HALF YEAR IN BRIEF

- Economic conditions affecting customer confidence, but order shortfall reduced in first half.
- Maintained interim dividend.
- Restructuring programme delivering cost and efficiency benefits.
- Peterborough facility on time, on budget and operational.

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$$\text{Number of shares held} \times \frac{\text{HK\$0.54}}{\text{HK\$30.75}}$$

Fractional entitlements will be ignored.

By Order of the Board
R G Barber
Secretary

Hong Kong, 19 September 1991

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Hawker fails to set hearts soaring

BID speculation has served to confuse a thoroughly disheartening picture at Hawker Siddeley. A 31 per cent decline in trading profits in the first half was worse than analysts feared and the company's statement on current prospects left little hope of recovery in the final six months, or even in the first half of next year.

The long lead times which characterise much of the group's activities, notably aerospace, engines and large motors, suggest that profits will only begin to edge ahead once a recovery is firmly established in both Britain and America, Hawker's principal markets.

Pre-tax profits of £57.5 million were down 14 per cent and below forecasts, which generally underestimated redundancy and restructuring costs. Chris Avery, the Smith New Court analyst, now expects profits of only £115 million for the full year, compared with a reported £140.4 million last year.

More significantly, he has cut his forecast for the follow-

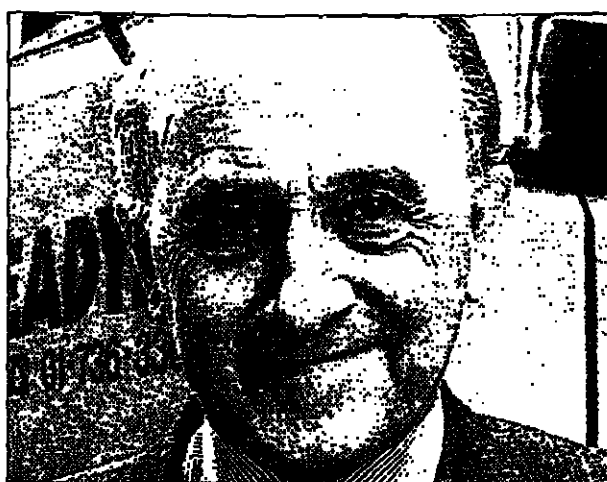
ing year by £35 million to £145 million, clearly taking Hawker's pessimistic views at face value.

The recession has taken its toll, but it must be said that the company has rarely set the world alight, even during the boom years of the late Eighties. Earnings rose 9 per cent in 1987, 16 per cent in 1988 and 11 per cent in 1989 - worthy stuff but never likely to get pulses racing.

Late in 1989, with the advent of Dr Alan Watkins as chief executive, plans were drawn up to dispose of businesses with total annual sales of £500 million, leaving a more focused group. Exactly two years on, much remains to be done and, if bid rumours are correct, the current management may be about to run out of time.

Laporte

LAPORTE's half-year results may not be as good as they look, but are better than many feared from a chemical group that, though mainly in niche businesses, still depends on



Recovery could take some time: Jim Owen of RMC

the health of its customers. Pre-tax profits fell only 4 per cent to £50.3 million, but this is mainly thanks to last year's rights issue, which turned interest round by £9 million.

The quick pro quo comes in earnings per share being down 18 per cent to 20.1p for the first six months of this year.

The main commodity chemical business, a half share of the Interlox hydrogen peroxide

combine, held up well, as did some of the specialties, especially against adverse currency movements.

Products for the construction industry were a predictable exception. One-off damage came from teething troubles at the new Fulcolor specialised paper coatings plant, where output is now said to be improving, and from the loss of the main customer for a

profitable molecular sieve business.

Charles Lambert, of Smith New Court, expects profits of about £110 million pre-tax for the year. On that basis, the shares, which jumped 20p in relief to 578p, would sell at 13 times earnings of about 44p per share and yield 4.3 per cent if the 6 per cent rise in the interim dividend is continued for the year. Not expensive.

RMC

EARNINGS this year have been an irrelevance for the construction and building materials sectors. The driving force has been the perceived improvement next year.

So, when RMC, the concrete group, let it be known yesterday that it considered 1992 forecasts ambitious, the stock market ought to have paid attention. If Jim Owen, RMC's managing director, is right, the impact of a delayed recovery could be a lot more than a 23p fall in RMC's share price to 635p.

The crux of the problem is the timing of any recovery in

British profits. In the six months to end-June, RMC's British operating profits tumbled 62 per cent to £19.2 million, dragging group pre-tax profits down from £109 million to £69.9 million. As competition between suppliers in Britain intensified, RMC's British operating margins dropped from 9.5 per cent to 4.2 per cent. Market share was also lost. Mr Owen's point is that recovery could take some time.

Britain apart, RMC remains on course. In Germany, operating profits are up to a record £32.1 million, while the Israeli operation benefited from the boom in housing. Investment in both countries cost £75 million in the second half of last year, which boosted the interest charge from £9.3 million to £16.7 million. Gearing, however, remains under control at about 35-40 per cent.

Expectations this year have dropped to about £150 million and could struggle to £165 million next year. On a price-earnings multiple of 18, the shares look a little expensive.

STOCK MARKET

Speculators active as big bid rumours grow

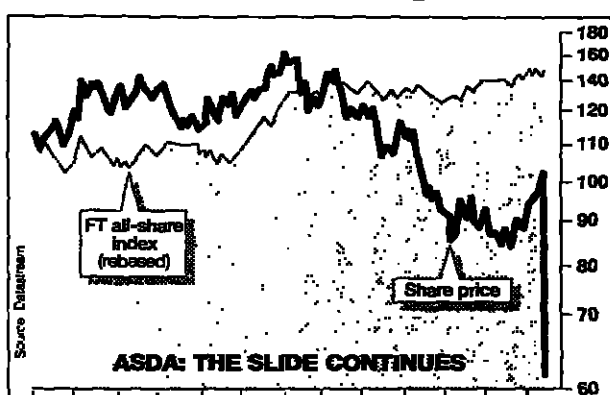
THE City expects a bid for one of the top 200 companies within a few weeks. Dealers say evidence is mounting that something is up in the Square Mile. Several things have fuelled the feeling including the recent confirmation that BTR, 1p lighter at 423p, is on the lookout for acquisitions; this week's agreed bid for Hanson, 3 1/2p better at 227 1/2p, for Beazer; and the offer by Williams Holdings, 2p better at 334p, for Rascal Electronics, 1/2p firmer at 57p.

Speculators are targeting vulnerable companies. Top of the list all week has been Hawker Siddeley, shares of which climbed another 32p to 634p despite disappointing interim figures. The company said, however, that there was nothing suspicious on the share register and it had received no approaches. Allied-Lyons, the food and

drinks group, also raced up 14p to 604p on turnover of 3.7 million shares amid whispers that it might also be bid for. The shares have been heavily traded on the options market, where investors have been paying a 70p premium for the October 650 series.

The rest of the equity market seemed gripped by gossip as share prices fluctuated wildly. Claims that Prudential Corporation, the City's biggest fund manager, had turned bearish and that the Abu Dhabi Investment Fund was selling to cover losses relating to the BCCI collapse caused the market to subside after an early advance.

The bid speculation, however, resulted in the FT-SE 100 index clawing back a fall of almost 20 points to finish 5.1 up at 2,588.7. It was another day of heavy turnover, with 677 million shares



traded. Government securities recovered falls of 1/4 to finish 1/4 better at the longer end.

Glaxo moved 30p higher, to £13.61, the company is awaiting approval from the US Food and Drug Administration for Imigran, its anti-mi-

graine drug. Asda, the troubled supermarket chain, continued to reel from Wednesday's profits warning and dividend cut, with the shares losing 6p to reach a new low of 61p. More than 64 million of them changed hands. Fund managers were facing up to

the prospect of the company's £1 billion debts outweighing its market capitalisation. Other food retailers also lost ground. Tesco eased 2p to 257p, J Sainsbury 2p to 350p and Kwik Save 13p to 575p. A bid for Asda from two big German retailers, Aldi and Metro International, is not ruled out.

The shock waves from Asda also filtered through to food manufacturers. Associated British Foods fell 8p to 490p, Cadbury Schweppes 2p to 417p, Dalgely 12p to 403p, Hillsdown 6p to 250p, Rank Hovis McDougall 7p to 277p, Unigate 7p to 318p, and United Biscuits 7p to 39p.

Guinness rose 7p to £10.05 after a first-half performance that fell short of most City forecasts.

British Aerospace rallied 16p to 420p after a presentation for Scottish fund man-

agers in Edinburgh.

Laporte, the chemicals distributor, rose 19p to 577p, after touching 584p, despite a first-half downturn of £2.2 million to £50.3 million. The group said second-half profits would reflect cost reductions.

RMC Group tumbled 22p to 635p with first-half figures reflecting the beleaguered state of the construction industry. Pre-tax profits fell from £109.3 million to £69.9 million. The warning also pushed Blue Circle Industries 2p lower to 262p, Ragby Group 2p to 200p, AMEC 6p to 215p, Barratt Developments 3p to 30p, and Taylor Woodrow 3p to 193p.

Shanks & McEwan, the waste disposal group, tumbled 48p to 240p after the group gave a warning that earnings were unlikely to grow in the year to March 1992.

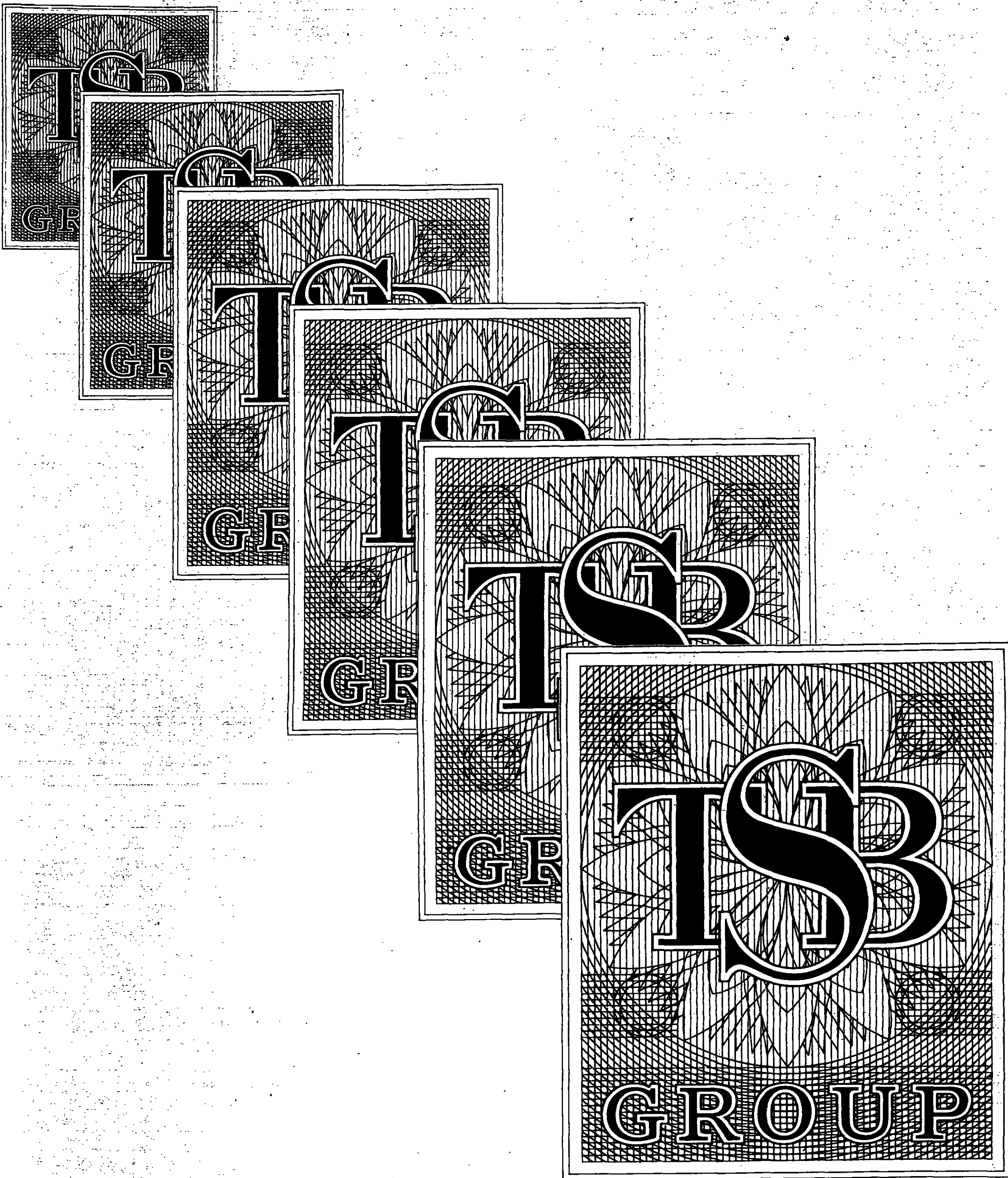
MICHAEL CLARK

WALL STREET

New York - Blue chips fluctuated at about Wednesday's closing level in morning trading, while the market as a whole was slightly weaker. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 0.89 of a point to 3,017. Falling shares

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Rank	Line	Company	Mid	Year	Change in P	T	P/E
94	54	East Pot	54	98	-	1.5	13.6
145	55	Ch Wabash Res	58	98	-	2.7	61.1
146	56	East Pot	58	98	-	1.5	13.6
213	108	Hartf C & G	226	174	+1	-	10.0
20	149	East Pot	18	19	-	-	-
205	245	LABMD	301	304	-	11.5	1.6
267	255	Lab Tech	301	304	-	34.0	78.4
268	256	Lab Tech	301	304	-	34.0	78.4
299	404	East Pot	404	404	-	-	24.1
26	11	New London	1284	15	-	-	-
269	38	East Pot	18	19	-	-	143.1
270	39	East Pot	18	19	-	-	143.1
43	27	Petrochem	33	37	-	1.7	4.9
48	8	Petrochem	33	37	-	1.7	4.9
10	1	East Pot	18	19	-	-	143.1

308	34	Parish
310	282	Principio
489	313	Raport

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375	100	475	100	575	100	675	100	775	100	875	100
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377	98	477	98	577	98	677	98	777	98	877	98
378	97	478	97	578	97	678	97	778	97	878	97
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382	93	482	93	582	93	682	93	782	93	882	93
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388	87	488	87	588	87	688	87	788	87	888	87
389	86	489	86	589	86	689	86	789	86	889	86
390	85	490	85	590	85	690	85	790	85	890	85
391	84	491	84	591	84	691	84	791	84	891	84
392	83	492	83	592	83	692	83	792	83	892	83
393	82	493	82	593	82	693	82	793	82	893	82
394	81	494	81	594	81	694	81	794	81	894	81
395	80	495	80	595	80	695	80	795	80	895	80
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397	78	497	78	597	78	697	78	797	78	897	78
398	77	498	77	598	77	698	77	798	77	898	77
399	76	499	76	599	76	699	76	799	76	899	76
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285	161	Ferguson Intl

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145	53	Excess Of Lands
40	38	Fire Cuts
37	35	Flushing Pipe

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39	22	Mountain
72	61.5	Mountain
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175	130	Castell	
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481	375	BAA
1954	222	Dr. Airways
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403	251	Anglian Water
355	256	Northampton

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By ROGER PEARSON



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Doubts surface in Austrian camp on eve of Davis Cup tie

Resilient Petchey returns to bolster British hopes

By ANDREW LONGMORE
TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

MARK Petchey, so nearly one of the lost souls of British tennis, has a chance to resurrect his career and take Britain back into the world group of the Davis Cup for the first time in four years, in the tie against Austria, which begins today in Manchester.

Petchey, aged 21, who plays the Austrian No. 1, Thomas Muster, in the second of the two singles matches at Northern lawn tennis club today, could not have chosen a more significant match to make his debut. Potentially, victory over the next three days is the difference between meeting Germany or Ghana next year, and it would ease his beginner's nerves considerably if Jeremy Bates could give Britain an early lead by beating Thomas Buchmayer, the Austrian No. 2 who is making his debut in a "live" rubber, in the opening singles.

The hesitant progress of Petchey's career is a blueprint for British players over the last decade. The national junior grass-court champion in 1987, he was so disillusioned with the state of the game in Britain, and with his own state of mind, that last year he seriously considered taking up another profession. Recent changes at the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) and the appointment of co-ordinators — his Davis Cup captain, Tony Pickard, Olga Morozova and, if rumours are to be believed, Ian Barclay, Pat Cash's coach — has convinced Petchey to persevere with the game he found so easy as a junior and so hard thereafter.

"The situation with the LTA made it difficult and I made it difficult for myself. But things changed at the right time and I changed too and became more professional in my attitude," Petchey said. He was on the verge of selection for the tie against France 12 months ago, without having the confidence to take the opportunity. But at Wimbledon this summer, he came from two sets down and saved two match points to beat Jim Pugh, a sign of the character many thought he lacked.

Petchey will need all his new-found spirit against Muster, who bristles with bravado. The Austrian's Davis Cup record (played 28, won 24) was compiled mainly on clay, the surface on which he led his team to within one set of the final against the eventual champions, the United States, this time last year. Thankfully for the home team, however, his career record on grass (played one, lost one) is rather less imposing, a reflection of



High spirits: Petchey hopes to give Britain a good start on his Davis Cup debut

the disdain with which grass-court tennis is held in Austria.

Muster takes his holidays during Wimbledon, and there are only two grass courts in Austria. "It is considered exotic," Philip Krajcik, the Austrian captain, said.

Manchester in mid-September defies that adjective, but it was not by accident that the LTA took the tie north. The conditions, which promise to be a little damp this weekend, and the in-fighting in the Austrian camp, which has deprived them of their No. 1, Horst Skoff, and their best grass-court player, Alex Antonitsch, have so levelled the

odds that both teams were anxious to discard the burden of favouritism yesterday.

Muster described the tie as 70-30 in favour of Britain. Pickard gave a pointed reminder that the Austrians are the sixth seeds, last year's semi-finalists, and therefore still the favourites. Bates was more bullish. "Grass gives us a huge edge. It's when the match gets tight that doubts come into their mind," he said.

If all else fails, a reminder of the fate of Austria's football champions in the European Cup this week might be pertinent. Arsenal won by a tennis score. Britain would settle for more of a football-style margin of victory come Sunday night.

Monica Seles, the top seed, beat Rika Hiraki, of Japan, 6-3, 6-4 in the second round of the Nishitani international ladies tennis championships

Pilic can see little hope for Germany

THE United States, the Davis Cup champions, will be strong favourites in the world group semi-final against Germany today. Nikki Pilic, the German captain, said yesterday: "Our chances without Becker are very, very slim."

The injured Becker's place has been filled by a newcomer, Udo Riglewski, who joins Michael Stich, Carl-Uwe Steeb and Eric Jelen.

The match will be played on a specially built clay court in Kansas, which will suit Jim Courier and Andre Agassi, who will play the singles. France are also clear favourites in the other semi-final in Pau against a Yugoslav team crippled by the withdrawal of Goran Ivanisevic and Goran Prpic, both Croats.

By RICHARD EVANS
RACING CORRESPONDENT

TWO major gambles unfolded yesterday on the eve of today's Ladbrokes Ayr Gold Cup, Europe's richest sprint handicap. After the draw was announced, backers latched on to Cumbrian gelding, trained by Peter Easterby, and the Alan Harrison-trained Ashden.

A low draw has generally been an advantage in the 29-runner cavalry charge, especially in soft ground. With showers falling on the Scottish course after Cumbrian gelding had been allocated the number five berth and Ashden was drawn ten, the money poured on.

The sponsors cut both Cumbrian gelding and Ashden from 25-1 to 16-1 and now have only three horses quoted at a shorter price. Sarcitis, Tabb and Bold Habit share 14-1 favouritism. Both the races run over the straight course at Ayr, yesterday were won by horses with a low draw.

Willie Carson, who enjoyed a

treble on Wednesday, kept up the momentum with a near 10-1 double on Miss Nosey Parker and Nicely Thanks. Miss Nosey Parker, bought for just 5,400 guineas, took her earnings for the season to £30,000 after holding on by a neck from Regal Chimes in the listed Harry Rossby Challenge Trophy.

Romany Rye provided the first leg of a 35-1 double for Gary Carter and could make into a useful staying horse next season. Geoffrey Wragg's massive Nijinsky colt had suffered problems with a joint after winning at York in June.

"He has been doing so much work in the past three weeks it was unbelievable. Long canters and swimming reduced his weight by 40lb but I was not sure if he was fit enough to win today," Wragg said. "If his joints strengthen up over the winter he should be a very good staying horse and could make up into a Cup prospect."

Carter completed his double with Tenebrio, who had shown little form this season but was

backed down to 8-1. The stewards enquired into the improved performance of the filly who finished last of 13 at Newbury on her most recent outing.

However, they accepted the explanation of Richard Holder, the winning trainer, that a change in riding tactics and the removal of a visor had brought about the improved form.

Darryll Holland, who started

the season as a 5lb claimer, took his winning tally to 72 when arriving fast and late on Soiree to win the EBF Half Farm Stud Maiden Fillies' Stakes.

Barry Hills believes the leading apprentice could complete a century of winners this year before going on to be one of the outstanding jockeys of the decade.

"It is difficult to take anything away from the greats of the past," Hills said. "Pat Eddery is a proven champion over the years along with Willie Carson and Lester. Manny Mercer is another that springs to mind. He was electric, but Darryll has always been a bit magic to me."

British breeders have been handed a lifeline in their fight to save the bloodstock industry after officials at the European Commission indicated that temporary relief would be allowed to counteract Ireland's 2.3 per cent VAT rate. The breakthrough follows two days of talks in Brussels earlier this week by a delegation from the Horseracing Advisory Council.

Generous works at Newbury

PAUL Cole yesterday confirmed that Generous will gallop before racing at Newbury tomorrow. The work, scheduled for 12.45, is part of the dual Derby winner's preparation for the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe at Longchamp two weeks on Sunday.

"I was offered this opportunity by Newbury and I'm quite happy with the arrangements," Cole said yesterday. "It will give the horse a day out at the races and it let people have a look at him. He's still in the Champion Stakes but is unlikely to run."

Generous, to be partnered by his regular work rider, Tommy Jennings, will gallop with Monarda, a winner at Bath on Monday. "It won't be anything spectacular, just a good gallop," Cole said. "It should help to hone the edges."

Cole remains confident that Generous can succeed in the Arc where so many British-trained hopefuls have failed. "Generous is very well and I'm not frightened of anything, although I'm hoping for a good pace in the race," he said.

Charlton enquiry

ROGER Charlton, the Beekhampton trainer, is to face a Jockey Club enquiry after one of his horses failed a post-race dope test. A sample taken from The Gladiators was found to contain a prohibited substance after the colt finished a well-beaten last in the Newtown Stakes at Newbury last month.

Another unidentified horse in Charlton's Beekhampton yard is thought to have tested positive for the same substance, but results are yet to be confirmed. No date has been set for the hearing. Charlton, the trainer of last year's Derby winner, Quest For Fame, said the substance involved is Isoxsuprine, which is prescribed by vets for treating horses with foot problems.

RACING

Sprint gambles develop



Easterby: trains well-backed Cumbrian gelding

MANDARIN
1.30 Petavious. 2.00 Unanimous. 2.30 Lust Of Love. 3.00 Vanisaki. 3.30 Mountain Ash. 4.00 Namaste. 4.30 Ghalypoon.

THUNDERER
1.30 Petavious. 2.00 African Chimes. 2.30 Bill Moon. 3.00 Glow Of Summer. 3.30 Appealing Times. 4.00 Belton. 4.30 Bonica.

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1.30 GAS WARM HOMES HANDICAP
(£2,447; 1m 40) (9 runners)

1. 3000 BURRACOPPIN 18 lbs 8 oz M. Jarvis 4-6-10. G. Duffield 2
2. 3425 WINDSOR PARK 27 lb (V.D.S.) R. Budge 5-8-0
3. 4041 PETAVIOUS 10 (J.C.F.S.) Lady Holmes 9-8-4 (5th)
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2.00 EAST MIDLANDS ELECTRICITY CLAIMING STAKES (£2,833; 7f) (15)

1. 6141 UNANIMOUS 10 (J.C.F.S.) N. Cullen 3-8-13. G. Duffield 2
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2.30 NORTHERN RACING SCHOOL APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£2,488; 7f) (14)

1. 3201 SARKIS 17 lb 12 oz W. Jarvis 4-6-10. G. Duffield 2
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3.00 PROVIDENT MUTUAL HANDICAP
(£2,670; 2m) (11)

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3.30 FLEET MAIDEN STAKES
(Div 1: 2-Y-O; £2,427; 6f) (10)

1. 3000 BURRACOPPIN 18 lbs 8 oz M. Jarvis 4-6-10. G. Duffield 2
2. 3425 WINDSOR PARK 27 lb (V.D.S.) R. Budge 5-8-0
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4.00 WELLAND MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O; £2,610; 1m 40) (11)

1. 3000 BURRACOPPIN 18 lbs 8 oz M. Jarvis 4-6-10. G. Duffield 2
2. 3425 WINDSOR PARK 27 lb (V.D.S.) R. Budge 5-8-0
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Gentle Hero gives Munday prospect of memorable win

WHEN Best Effort won at Epsom earlier this week, Colin Munday, a promising apprentice attached to Barry Hill's Lambourn stable, was recording his second win from only two rides for the Richmond trainer Mick Naughton.

Now, at Ayr today, the same combination stands an excellent chance of improving their record by landing a double with **Freecolado** (2.35) and **Gentle Hero** (3.40).

When the weights for the Ladbroke's (Ayr) Gold Cup were published, Gentle Hero held a rating of 90, having won three of his ten races this season, two of them over country's course and distance. But since his rating has gone up to 98 following a fine effort at Newmarket last month when he ran Montedore to a short head in a listed race, albeit when receiving 6lb.

Gentle Hero will never have a better chance of winning a prize of this nature than he does this afternoon. Whenever the ground is soft a low draw is preferable on the sprint course, but in the prevailing conditions Gentle Hero's high draw, six away from the stands' rails, is perfectly acceptable.

There is a persistent feeling in Newmarket that the lightly-raced three-year-old Thab will run well, but only if rain arrives in sufficient quantity in time to soften the ground.

With Willie Carson re-

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

quired at Newbury as a result of his retirement from Sheikh Hamdan Al-Maktoum, another promising apprentice, Brett Doyle, will be in the saddle on Scarita, who will be trying to emulate Jon George and Royden, the only two horses to have brought off the Portland Handicap-Ayr Gold Cup double in the last 20 years.

Earlier in the programme, Munday can warm to his task by also putting his allowance to good effect on **Freecolado** in the Johnnie Walker Whisky Handicap.

While **Daring Miss Daisy**, Parfait Amour, Philidor and Over Cookie have all run well enough to suggest that a prize

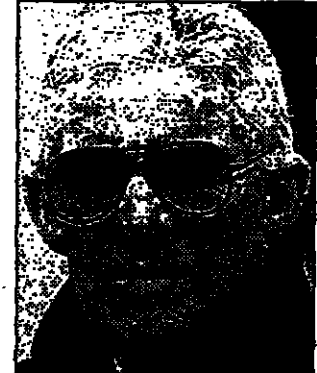
such as the Dick Peacock Salver Graduation Stakes should be within their range, I prefer the well-bred newcomer **El Cortes**. He is the subject of encouraging reports from Manton, where he is trained by Peter Appleby, who has done so well this year in his first season.

Alasmar, who is the principal reason for Carson's presence at Newbury, is taken to win the Haynes, Hanson and Clark Stakes for which Michael Stoute will saddle the classically-bred newcomer Zinaad, who is by Shirley Heights out of Time Charter. With a pedigree like that it is not surprising he cost 300,000 guineas as a yearling.

Freewheel, who, along with Tuesday's Sandown winner King's Loch, made a host of friends when making a spectacular winning debut at Nottingham at the beginning of this month, is now napped to remain unbeaten by winning the Fock Collier Memorial Stakes.

The greatest threat could be Minto's promising half-sister, Petal Girl, who has also stood her ground after an eye-catching debut at Salisbury where she was beaten three-quarters of a length by Niodini.

In the absence of Lanfranco Dettori, who is suspended, Free Wheel will be ridden by Pat Eddery, who can also capture the Status Quo Stakes on the recent eye Kempton winner Sharpstone.



Naughton: saddles Gentle Hero at Ayr (3.40)

MANDARIN

2.15 Red Crescent. 2.45 Smile Again. 3.15 Construction. 3.45 Sea Ovar. 4.15 Bold In Combat. 4.45 Lava Falls.

THUNDERER

2.15 Jagat. 2.45 Greenhill's Pride. 3.15 Midday Show. 3.45 Mr Quick. 4.15 Erskin's Floats. 4.45 Olivers Hill.

GOING: FIRM

2.15 UPWOOD NOVICES SELLING HURDLE

(3-Y-O; £1,500; 2m 100yds) (11 runners)
1. 15 RED CROISSANT (5) (J. J. Jones) 11-8. R. Denny 10-11.
2. 16 DRYWELL (6) (P. J. Patten) 10-10. M. Murphy 10-10.
3. 17 KINGSWILL (7) (J. J. Jones) 10-10. R. Denny 10-11.
4. 18 WING WING (8) (J. J. Jones) 10-10. R. Denny 10-11.
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10. 24 WING WING (14) (J. J. Jones) 10-10. R. Denny 10-11.
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2.45 MARCH NOVICES CHASE

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2.35 Survey Dancer. 3.40 ASHEDREN (nap).

OUR NEWMARKET CORRESPONDENT: 3.40 THAB.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.40 BOLD HABIT.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) DRAW: 5F-8F, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.00 KEITH ASPLAND MEMORIAL STAKES (3-Y-O; £3,047; 1m) (4 runners)

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2.35 JOHNNIE WALKER WHISKY HANDICAP

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3.10 DICK PEACOCK SALVER GRADUATION STAKES

(£2-Y-O; £4,077; 8f) (15 runners)
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3.40 LADBROKES (AYR) GOLD CUP HANDICAP

(£22,117; 6f) (29 runners)
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4.10 LADBROKE AID NURSERY HANDICAP

(£2-Y-O; £7,500; 5f) (10 runners)
1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10.

4.40 DOURA STAKES (3-Y-O fillies; £3,021; 7f) (4 runners)

1. 2. 3. 4.

5.10 FIVE TEN FRIDAY HANDICAP (£4,435; 6f) (20 runners)

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5.30 HAYNES, HANSON AND CLARK STAKES

(£2-Y-O colts & geldings; £7,500; 1m) (8 runners)
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4.25 JACK COLLIER MEMORIAL STAKES

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Warwickshire well placed to finish on a winning note

Harwich,
Essex.

Johnson chasing a world record

Here Zelezny has an unfair advantage. The table was drawn up before the Nemeth javelin which he uses, and which from tomorrow will be illegal, was introduced. The 89.58 metres which Zelezny threw for second place to Backley in Sheffield on Sunday would require Johnson to run 19.37sec for parity.

Tokyo timetable or Hungarian scoring table, Johnson loses both ways. Sooner or later, something had to beat him.

Defeat, too, for the meeting which tried to buy Lewis but found the asking price too high. Can this really be a final without Lewis?

to play football in shorts
designed that their knickers
appear to be about to descend to
their ankles?
Yours truly,
JOHN BURLS,
Larch House,
Queen Street,
Great Oakley,
Harwich,
Essex.

Britannic Assurance county championship
10.20, 102 overs minimum

CHESTERFIELD: Derbyshire v Yorkshire

SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Glamorgan

CANTERBURY: Kent v Leicestershire

OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Surrey

TAUNTON: Somerset v Warwickshire

HOVE: Sussex v Gloucestershire

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A worldwide audience awaits the off

By DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

WHETHER Dame Kiri Te Kanawa can rival that well-known football enthusiast, Luciano Pavarotti, in record sales may be one of rugby union's unanswered questions. But by the time ITV has concluded its coverage of the Rugby World Cup, Dame Kiri's theme tune will have put the music of Gustav Holst into homes in 70 countries.

That specially composed words to the Jupiter Suite from *The Planets* should be sung by a New Zealand singer is particularly apt. When the All Blacks won the inaugural tour-

namment in 1987, 15 countries received televised coverage. Now, 50 countries will take it with another 20 being gathered in before the tournament begins on October 3 at Twickenham.

Bob Burrows, head of ITV Sport, predicted an audience of five to six million for the opening game, which pits England against New Zealand — a somewhat cautious figure, since the game will be played on a Thursday afternoon.

Burrows is relying on a team of famous names to attract new viewers during what would be, he said yesterday, a breath of fresh air in the coverage of rugby.

Frank Bough, ITV's chief presenter during the tournament, went further by describing BBC's coverage of the game as "stuffy". Given that he spent many years presenting BBC's *Grandstand* programme, he may be entitled to his view.

"We have great respect for the other contractor who has traditionally covered rugby in this country," Bough said. "But we think they are rather stuffy. That doesn't mean we will treat the matches frivolously. We have all sorts of ways for improving the match coverage and we are going to be bouncy, argumentative and, hopefully, amusing."

ITV's commentary team includes 13 who have played international rugby. David Kirk, who captained New Zealand in 1987 and was the first man to receive the Webb Ellis Trophy, is among them.

ITV, which has committed nearly £30 million to its coverage of sport this winter, has spent around £7 million on the 75 hours of planned coverage of the World Cup. It includes live action from 25 of the 32 matches following the decision to incorporate in the schedule the women's Western Samoa on October 9.

Fourteen cameras at Twickenham will offer views from both sides and ends of the

ground and referees will wear microphones so their decisions can be relayed direct to the commentary box. The ITV team includes Clive Norling, the Welsh referee who, with 25, has taken charge of the most international matches.

"My job is not to criticise referees," Norling said. "It's to market the game of rugby and I see my first priority to the game, not ITV." The tournament referees gather on Thursday and will have the chance to officiate at matches in the London area wearing the electronic equipment they will use in the World Cup.

SPORTS POLITICS

IOC is to examine Helmick interests

By JOHN GOODBODY

THE International Olympic Committee (IOC) yesterday announced that it will be investigating the possible conflicts of interest of Robert Helmick, who has resigned as President of the United States Olympic Committee (USOC).

Helmick, who resigned on Wednesday night after returning home, saying: "I just cannot allow this organisation, to which I have given so much, to be paralysed by this situation," is already facing an enquiry by the USOC. It is investigating alleged earnings of Helmick from consultations as a lawyer in the process of conducting Olympic affairs.

The American flew home from attending an IOC executive board meeting in Berlin and, after his departure, the remaining 11 members appointed a three-man commission of enquiry into the case. Its brief is to "investigate all consequences, for the IOC, of the potential conflicts of interest which may result from the representation, by Robert Helmick, of various clients and organisations".

The commission, which consists of three lawyers, Keba Mbaye, an IOC vice-president, Francois Carrard, the IOC director, and Marc Hodler, the president of the International Skiing Federation, will report to the next board meeting in December.

Helmick said his resignation was a decision "made by me and my family. No one has asked me to resign or forced me to resign. Anyone who feels I am running from the heat is dead wrong. There has not been a single piece of quote, evidence, unquote, since all this media nonsense began."

Helmick, a lawyer from Iowa and former president of the International Swimming Federation, has admitted to earnings that may be in excess of \$200,000 in 1990 from clients involved with the Olympic movement.

For many people in the Olympic movement, this would be a breach of ethics and a conflict of interests that Helmick did not disclose. He denies that there was a conflict of interest.

The IOC also announced yesterday that it is setting up a commission to look at the issue of drug testing competitors during training. Prince Alexandre de Merode, the head of the IOC medical commission, said: "This is really an area where something needs to be done, the proof being that some federations are already carrying out testing during training."

However, the IOC has rejected physical examinations and decided to retain saliva tests for verifying the gender of athletes, despite the opinion of many scientists that saliva tests are scientifically unreliable. The IOC said proposals to switch to medical tests were turned down, mainly for ethical reasons.

Manchester already has seven rivals in its bid to stage the 2000 Olympic Games. The IOC has so far been informed that Berlin, Basle, Copenhagen, Tokyo, Sydney, Milan, and Istanbul have also expressed interest. The deadline for confirmation is April 15, 1992 and the venue will be chosen in September, 1993.



Ahead of the game: Gareth Chilcott, a member of the ITV commentary team, shows off the World Cup with the television personality, Allison Holloway

FOOTBALL

Arsenal set sights on windfall from European matches

By STUART JONES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

ARSENAL, already assured of reaching the second round of the European Cup, have learned that a place in the quarter-final will be worth an additional £2 million. The eight clubs, competing for the first time on a round-robin basis, are to benefit in particular from a commercial package revealed yesterday by Uefa.

Europe's governing body has gained the exclusive right to negotiate global television and marketing contracts. The money generated, thought to be some £30 million, will be spread to every corner of the Continent and the richest rewards will be collected by the elite. They are to receive 54 per cent of the total.

The rest will be shared between the clubs eliminated in the earlier rounds of all three competitions (19 per cent), the 35 national associations (seven per cent), and for the promotion of youth football, bracketed curiously with the payment of match officials (20 per cent).

Lennart Johansson, the president of Uefa, said: "For the first time we can see the possibility of supporting the small clubs and the small nations financially, but at the same time see that the big clubs get what

they should," he said.

The promise of substantial wealth, including the gate receipts from three home games against highly attractive opposition, lies effectively two matches away for Arsenal. Even George Graham, their naturally conservative manager, cannot pretend that the second leg of the first round will be anything but straightforward.

In overwhelming Austria Vienna 6-1 at Highbury, Arsenal were exceptional in two respects. Alone among England's representatives, they played to the strengths of the domestic game and, more significantly, they were not weakened by Uefa's new rule under which only four foreigners may be selected.

Liverpool, in spite of eventually beating Konyaspor 1-0, were unrecognisable from the dominant force they were when the European ban was imposed. "We have too many foreigners on our books," Graeme Souness conceded.

Hansen, once the club's captain, believes that the most powerful Liverpool line-up would contain only five Englishmen. "The new regulation is a problem and it will continue to be so," Souness said. "It is likely to affect my

policy in the transfer market in the years ahead."

Although he was able to choose Rush and Saunders together for the first time in attack, his defence was alarmingly uncertain. As well as conceding only the second goal ever to be claimed by a Finnish side against an English club, the back four were regularly caught on the break.

Of his current 22 choices, 13 are from overseas. Two of them, Saunders and Houghton, scored all their goals. Souness followed the trend, set by Tottenham Hotspur in the preliminary round of the same competition, the Uefa Cup, and dropped his goalkeeper, Grobbelaar.

Manchester United, similarly depleted in Greece, where they timidly opened their defence of the Cup Winners' Cup, may be without Schmeichel for the second leg against Atthinaikos at Old Trafford, although their manager recognises that the move is "a heck of a risk".

"Apart from Arsenal, we are all ill-prepared," Ferguson said. "I never thought I would say that we need more Englishmen around."

Tottenham Hotspur continued with their dangerous policy on Tuesday night by preferring Walker to Thorstvedt. Although the 19-year-old understudy accepted the blame for the decisive goal against Hajduk Split, Gary Lineker agreed that the others were so undistinguished that his club is fortunate still to be in contention.

At White Hart Lane in two weeks Tottenham must improve their own style. "We have missed Europe, but they are not used to our game either," Lineker said. English clubs who have to field a weakened team cannot in particular afford to sacrifice their greatest strength as well.



Scramble to score: Blumck, behind, gets the ball past Bolland, the British defender, to score Germany's goal

British earn creditable draw

Great Britain 1
Germany 1

From SYDNEY FRISKIN
IN BERLIN

GREAT Britain yesterday followed their creditable draw against Australia with another stout-hearted performance, against Germany, in the thirteenth Champions Trophy hockey tournament here.

If Britain had seized victory — and they came close — nobody would have been surprised. The Germans gave their worst performance so far, but they were not punished severely enough for their mistakes.

Britain's plan was to play the game at a great pace and make life uncomfortable for the Germans. They did so at the cost of

having to take off their captain, Robert Clift, who had played his heart out in midfield.

The Germans probably thought they would win easily, which would account for the fact that they rested some of their best men. When they did come on as substitutes they could not settle down.

Germany also lost Waldhauser with a pulled muscle after they had made their third substitution permitted under the law. Then, towards the end, Fischer was temporarily suspended for dissent, which

meant that they were reduced to nine men. But Norman Hughes, the Great Britain coach, dismissed their plight. "We had enough of the play to win even if they had kept 11 men."

The tight marking, covering and quick interceptions by both sides led to forebodings of a stalemate. But by the end of the first half Britain had forged ahead. A short corner in the 33rd minute gave way to another and Robert Thompson scored with a well-placed shot.

Ten minutes earlier, Fischer's failure to get past Rowlands at a short corner was followed by a wild shot by Waldhauser, who missed the target.

The Germans continued to falter in defence and in the third minute of the second half Clift was let in to provide Williams with a chance which he just failed to seize.

Germany, happily relieved, squared the match in the 44th minute with the British defence spread out. A hit across the field by Ness sped to the unmarked Blumck, who beat Rowlands with a fierce shot.

With about a minute to go Britain forced their seventh short corner but the Germans scrambled the ball away after the goalkeeper had saved from Thompson. The result left Britain with the chance of a medal, depending on what they do against Pakistan tomorrow.

GREAT BRITAIN: S Rowlands; S Martin, P Bolland, J Fisher, J Lysett, S Ness, D Williams (capt; S Batcher), J Shaw, R Thompson, R Clift (capt; R Garcia), S Kelly (capt; R Garcia).

GERMANY: A Bower, C Fischer, C Stange, V Fritsch, C Blumck, S Thewissen (capt; M Hahn), A Koller, S Wehrhahn (capt; S Schuler), U Cocksinghaus (capt; A Bacher), M Uppenkamp, A Murrain (Spain) and P von Rath (The Netherlands).

Abbotts resumes

MALCOLM Abbotts, the Wolverhampton judo club coach banned from contact with the British squad after Kerrith Brown's positive drugs test at the 1988 Olympics, resumed in an official capacity this week.

Until the British Judo Association lifted the ban, Abbotts has watched competitors from the public benches.

GOLFER: Joe Carr, the former Walker Cup golfer, is the new captain of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club in St Andrews.

YACHTING: The races to choose the boats to defend the America's Cup next year will begin on January 14. The challenging boat from overseas will be decided by races between January 25 and February 1.

SNOKER: Uncharacteristic errors cost Steve Davis a place in the semi-finals of Hums Masters at Antwerp. The six-times world champion lost 4-2 to Mike Hallett, who had lost 11 of his previous 12 meetings before his 10-6 success in the Scottish Masters final.

FOOTBALL: Dennis Taylor, the No. 1 seed, reached the quarter-finals of the inaugural World Seniors Championship at Stoke with a 5-2 victory over Michael Ferreira of India.

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Gooch displays rare emotion as his side deposes the county championship title-holders

Essex are crowned champions

By ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT
CHELMSFORD (third day of four): Essex (24pts) beat Middlesex (1) by an innings and 208 runs

ALL too often, the county championship is settled amid deflating anti-climax, wearily acclaimed by a few hundred people wrapped up against autumnal chill on a ground many miles from the winners' headquarters. Yesterday was different.

Essex took the title at their own, beloved Chelmsford, 4,000 people cheered themselves hoarse, and Graham Gooch, old stonemason himself, confessed to a rare sense of emotion.

It was one of those occasions which mock the very thought that county cricket is anything but healthy; but then everything about the Essex club fits that category.

After two seasons as runners-up, they have become champions for the fifth time in 13 years because they are the most durable and versatile side on the field and the best-administered off it.

They will finish at least 13 points ahead of Warwickshire, even if Warwickshire's valiant pursuit brings another victory at Taunton today. Essex have won 11 games, half their programme, including their final three four-day matches—two by an innings and the other by nine wickets.

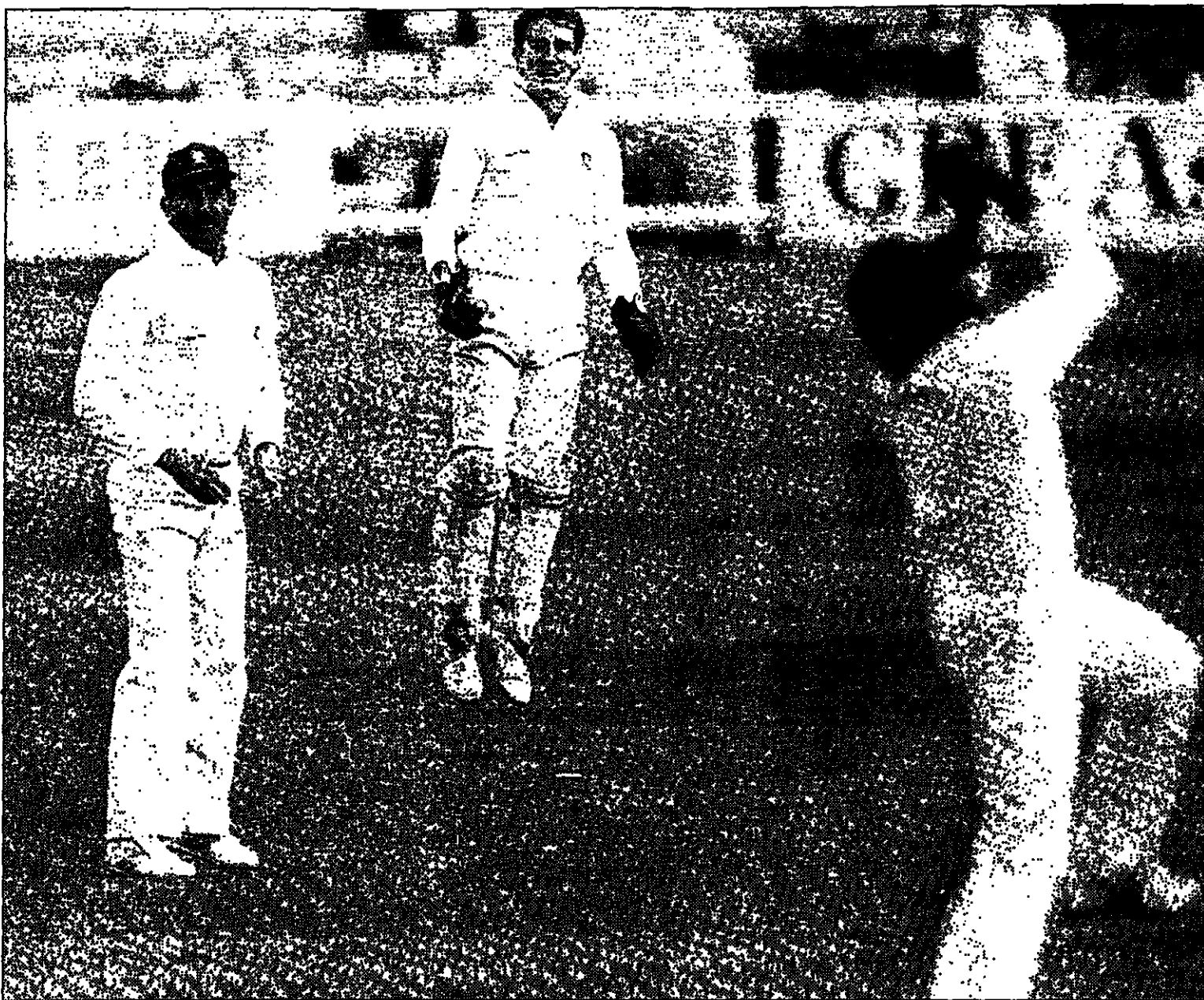
They have overcome the regular absence of Gooch and Pringle on England duty and, in Neil Foster, a wounded hero, they have had the county cricketer of the year.

It was altogether appropriate that Foster took the final Middlesex wicket yesterday and that the catcher, at gully, was Salim Malik, whose inspirational batting has once more vindicated Essex's judgement of overseas players.

"I just hope he doesn't turn it on against us for Pakistan next summer," Gooch said. He then confirmed that terms had been agreed for the return of Mark Waugh, providing he does not miss too much of next season through Australia's projected tour of Sri Lanka.

Of Foster, who has next week's challenge match with Victoria to take the three wickets he needs for 100 in the season, Gooch was animated in his praise. "His ban from Test cricket has been good news for Essex," he said.

"He bowls in a lot of pain from his knees and he lets you know he is in a lot of pain. But he is a class act, capable of competing with the best bowlers in the world."



Moment of triumph: Gooch and Garnham celebrate as Salim Malik holds the catch which won the county championship for Essex yesterday

Gooch, persuaded to take the microphone on the balcony following the presentation by Britannic Assurance of £44,000, told the crowd: "I am a bit emotional actually. It doesn't often happen to me."

Later, he explained why. "It would have been hard to take if we'd finished second three years on the trot. I think we have proved that we can beat any side in the country in all conditions. It is no secret that Essex are my first love and it means a lot to me to win this."

This is the second time as captain that Gooch has won the championship but there was a stage, shortly after mid-season, when it began to look improbable.

Keith Fletcher, who led the club to their first three titles and is now the backroom guru, said: "There are always times in a year when things are

not going right. Those are the times when the good sides keep going and the others fall by the wayside."

The all-round excellence of the staff means Essex are formidable in four-day cricket, to which both Gooch and Fletcher are converts, but any prospect of them needing four days to beat Middlesex, last year's champions, had vanished within the first hour of this match—a situation which Gooch confesses caused him some concern.

"I was a bit perturbed when they were 15 for seven," he said. "All out 20 would have looked dodgy and there would have been questions about the pitch. I think we proved later that it was a perfectly good wicket and that Middlesex just didn't play up to standard."

Mike Gatting, admirably sporting in his handling over of the title, would not disagree with that. Middlesex were dreadful for the best part of two days, finally clawing back a little pride, though not

much, with their second-innings batting. They have missed Haynes and Fraser quite grievously, of course, and could still return as a force next year.

Roseberry, who has made only one championship century, fell one run short of a second. It was a strange mixture of an innings, featuring two missed catches, and it ended curiously when Roseberry, hobbling from being hit on the toe by Pringle, charged and slugged at the next ball and was caught at second slip.

As Brown had gone to Pringle's second ball of the day, after a stand of 112 for the fourth wicket, Middlesex were now out for the count, but some frisky strokes from Emburey and Headley delayed the celebrations until 25 minutes after lunch.

Foster fittingly came back to finish the job, taking ten wickets in a match for the first time in the season and then striding off with the widest of smiles while Gooch trotted around shaking the hand of everyone in sight.

It was, he later admitted while drenched in champagne, the climax of "the best season I have ever had".

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Jones is banned for one match

VINNY Jones has been banned for one match by the Football Association after being found guilty of misconduct. The Chelsea midfielder, aged 26, was charged after a skirmish with Mitchell Thomas, of West Ham United, earlier in the season.

Jones, who was playing for Sheffield United at the time before his £375,000 transfer, will miss Chelsea's Rumbelows Cup game at Tranmere Rovers on October 8. Thomas escaped with a warning about his future conduct at the disciplinary hearing in London yesterday.

The two players are good friends and claimed their confrontation, as the players left the pitch after a match of seven bookings, was a joke

that misfired. Alan Wilkes, the FA's assistant disciplinary secretary, said: "It was a high profile situation and we cannot afford to have incidents that bring the game into disrepute."

John Barnes, who goes into hospital today for an operation on his Achilles tendon, will miss England's European championship qualifying game against Turkey next month. As the Liverpool winger will be out for six weeks, his availability for the tie in Poland on November 13 is also in doubt.

The Liverpool manager, Graeme Souness, said: "There was talk about an operation a fortnight ago, although that did not happen. John's Achilles was immobilised in plaster

for a couple of weeks to see how it would react. But it has flared up again. It's a blow."

Souness has warned that two of Liverpool's outfield players, Steve Nicol or David Burrows, might have to stand by for emergency stints in goal for future UEFA Cup ties. No substitute goalkeeper was on the bench for Wednesday night's 6-1 victory over Kuusysi Lahti, of Finland.

Souness said later: "Depending on the personnel available, I may or may not have a keeper on the bench in later rounds. If not, either Stevie or young David can do a turn." Souness had to omit Bruce Grobbelaar from the side because only four "foreign" players are allowed for European matches.

Surridge leads the way

GRAHAM Gooch has now won his second county championship title, but he still has some way to go before overtaking Stuart Surridge as the most successful post-war captain.

Surridge won the main domestic prize five times in succession for Surrey from 1952 to 1956.

Gooch also trails Brian Close, Keith Fletcher, and Mike Brearley.

LEADING POST-WAR CAPTAINS
W S Surridge (Surrey) 5 (1952-56)
D B Close (Yorkshire) 4 (1963, 1968-69)
K W R Fletcher (Essex) 3 (1979, 1983, 1984)
J M Brearley (Middlesex) 3 (1976, 1980, 1982)

ESSEX'S ROLL OF HONOUR
1979 County champions
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1991 County champions

Olazábal puts his troubles behind him

By MITCHELL PLATT, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

JOSE-MARIA Olazábal, of Spain, put together an excellent 64, seven under par, to capture the first-round lead in the Epson Grand Prix at St Pierre, Chesham, yesterday.

Olazábal, however, failed by one stroke to equal the course record, established by Dale Hayes in 1971, and he was not alone in finding the calm conditions favourable for low scoring. Michael McLean, who has earned £138,622 this season in spite of not winning a tournament, took 65 to finish one ahead of Rodger Davis, of Australia, and Colin Montgomerie.

Olazábal has been frustrated for much of this summer. His problems began at the Masters in April, when he took five at the 18th to lose the chance of a play-off against Ian Woosnam. The Spaniard places great importance on emulating his compatriot, Severiano Ballesteros, twice the Masters champion, yet it seemed he was able to contain his impatience to win a major championship before that fateful last hole at Augusta.

He consequently lost his enthusiasm, and his confidence dwindled. The outcome was that a year which promised so much petered out into one which is better forgotten. Even a victory in The International on the US PGA Tour last month did little to enliven him.

Olazábal is looking forward to the Ryder Cup next week, and Bernard Gallacher, the Europe captain, must also be happier with his form. Olazábal finished the Lancôme Trophy last week with scores of 67 and 68, and he is now 12 under par for his last three rounds.

The sun shone on Olazábal for the best part of yesterday's round, in which he was out in 32. He had birdies at the 4th, 7th and 8th holes with putts of 18, 15 and six feet respectively. That galvanised Olazábal, who played some wonderful shots on the inward half, including a one-iron approach to the 16th which left the ball little more than 12 inches from the hole. It gave him the fifth of six birdies. He also scored an eagle at the 14th, where he holed from 20 feet after reaching the green with a driver and a four-iron.

McLean is enjoying his best season, although he is still unhappy. In the last two years, the Kent golfer has put behind him the tormenting experience of failing to 158th in the Volvo order of merit. Even so, he feels frustrated by not having won this year.

He gave himself a fine start to putting that right with a round that featured several long putts, including one of 20 feet at the 9th and another of 25 feet at the 15th.

Davis has had a disappointing season by his high standards, although by scoring five birdies in eight holes from the 5th, he put himself into contention for the first prize of £75,000.

Montgomerie chose not to heed the advice of Ballesteros to rest before the Ryder Cup. His round of 66 contained four birdies and one eagle. It provided evidence enough that he has made the right decision in playing. If he wins, he would move to within £40,000 of Ballesteros, the merit table leader.

The Ryder Cup newcomers, Montgomerie and Steve Richardson, will make their World Match Play Championship debuts at Wentworth from October 17 to 20. Other confirmed entries are Woosnam, the defending champion, Nick Faldo, Ballesteros, Ian Baker-Finch, Joe Oakes and Tom Purtzer. Four more have yet to be announced, but they are unlikely to include John Daly, the US PGA champion.

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Major pleased to lend his support

By IVO TENNANT

JOHN Major, the prime minister, said yesterday that he had been delighted that South Africa had been readmitted to the International Cricket Council. "This gave me particular pleasure because we must show that those who bring about change have something to show for it," he said. "This country would have been quite wrong not to have responded."

Mr Major, who was speaking at a lunch given by the National Sporting Club in its centenary year, said he had invited two of the South African delegates, Dr Ali Bacher and Steve Tshwete, to Downing Street for a celebratory drink. "The African National Congress played a very positive role indeed but cricket did more than govern."

In a wide-ranging speech, the prime minister said the government had also been determined to re-establish

schools. "Undoubtedly there has been a decline in sport at some schools. If teachers feel society is short-changing them, then, understandably, they will not put in the hours. I hope we can retain their esteem," he said. "I believe it is entirely right that all pupils aged five to 16 should take part in physical education."

Turning to football, Mr Major said that the government was in support of Sir John Wheeler's bill on football hooliganism, which takes up the recommendations of Lord Justice Taylor. "There is still room for further improvement of behaviour at matches. People do not wish to hear racist chants and see missiles thrown. Yet football's image is improving, managers can now make jokes about hooliganism. I congratulate the authorities on the way they have sought to deal with it," he said.

Jockey Club getting on the wrong high horse

By HENRY KELLY

THE headline this week which read "Jockey Club's disapproval at Trainer" was not atop a report that a racehorse trainer had fallen foul of Portman Square and its inhabitants, the custodians of the morality of racing in Britain. Believe it or not, it was above a report that David Pipe, the Club's director of public affairs, had written to the BBC to complain that an episode of *Trainer* had suggested that a member of the Club's disciplinary committee could be open to blackmail.

Pipe is a decent fellow, always with a smile, buys his round and is generally approachable on all matters within his ambit. What pos-

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sessed him to climb into this daft pulpit about a piece of fiction?

Was he forced to by those at the Jockey Club who would have us believe they are daily communicants, help old ladies across the street and have never been known to say anything in their lives stronger than "Oh Dear", "Goodness me" and "Bother"?

One of the many good things about *Trainer* is that it is pretty close to the real thing. Yet I haven't heard Peter Cundell, president of the National Federation of Trainers, write to the BBC to complain

that, because the assistant in *Trainer* is portrayed as a drunk, all assistant trainers feel wounded and can hardly face their villages at first lot.

Can you imagine this scenario: the BBC receives a letter from the British-Danish friendship society (for all I know there is one), pointing to a section of a televised version of *Hamlet*. It wishes to point out that the suggestion that a former Danish king ever killed his brother, went to bed with the widow and tried to get rid of his stepson is (Pipe's words coming up about *Trainer*), "totally unnecessary to the script".

It might add that such episodes portrayed on television could do nothing but harm Anglo-Danish relations.

What is wrong is that British racing, and many in it, are taking themselves far too seriously. This is the second incident this year.

The first was the song and dance over *The Cook Report* on Martin Pipe's training methods. Acres of forest were cut down to provide the newspaper to publish the drive that went on for weeks before and days after the programme. One newspaper printed the interview with Martin Pipe in full, a journalistic technique normally reserved for prime ministers and party leaders during conference time.

In the end the affair fizzled out, and the ordinary racegoer on the course could not have given tuppence for it. So it is

with *Trainer*: it is left to me to point out to David Pipe and the Jockey Club that it is fiction?

Would it not be nice to think that when Martin Pipe heard he was "under investigation" by a television programme that he brought them all into his house and yard, told them to help themselves, said they were the nicest fellows he had ever met, and gave them all a good time for the weekend? Instead, we had headless chickens running around as if what was under investigation was something important.

Would it not equally be nice to think that somewhere in the corridors of the Jockey Club a bit of gentle teasing went on after the *Trainer*

episode. Alas, they have lost whatever sense of humour they had.

I recall that, at the turn of the century, a debate went on in Britain and Ireland among the literati as to whether *Hamlet* was mad or only pretending to be. Tom Kettle, the Irish poet and philosopher, ended the controversy by writing in a literary journal and asking: are the critics of *Hamlet* mad or only pretending to be?

Might I respectfully ask the same of David Pipe?

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